

A Fawcett Publication

BASEBALL HEROES

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BRIGHTEST
STARS FROM
BASEBALL'S
HALL OF
FAME



BASEBALL'S YESTERYEAR..

FACTS FROM THE ERA OF
BASEBALL'S "GROWING PAINS"

"IT WUZ **ROUGH** IN THEM DAYS, SON!"

UNTIL 1840, THE "BASES" WERE WOODEN STAKES FOUR FEET HIGH... BUT BECAUSE SO MANY PLAYERS WERE HURT RUNNING INTO THEM, STONES WERE SUBSTITUTED, AND FINALLY SACKS...



PLAYIN' FOR HIGH STAKES AGAIN, EH?



C'MON, THROW IT—I DARE YA!



A RULE LIMITING THE BAT DIAMETER TO 2½ INCHES WAS ADOPTED IN 1859, BECAUSE BATSMEN HAD BEEN USING WEAPONS ALMOST AS THICK AS TELEPHONE POLES!!

YER OUT—COLD!

KLOP!



BEFORE 1848, BASE RUNNERS COULD BE RETIRED BY BEING "PLUGGED"—HIT BY A THROWN BALL WHILE RUNNING BETWEEN BASES!

THROCKMORTON SCORES AGAIN!

HOME PLATE WAS ORIGINALLY A ROUND, FLAT PIECE OF IRON!

BONNG!



NICE GAME, HANK



NO ONE EVER USED A GLOVE AT ALL UNTIL A CINCINNATI CATCHER DEvised ONE IN 1869 TO PROTECT AN INJURY TO HIS HAND!

The TRUE STORY

MUSEUM

Come WITH US ON A VISIT TO BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME, LOCATED IN THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK. THERE, THE IMMORTAL HEROES OF OUR GREAT NATIONAL GAME ARE ENSHRINED, AND THERE WE WILL RE-LIVE THE GLORIOUS DAYS OF THE PAST... WHEN WALTER JOHNSON'S FIREBALL BLAZED TOWARD THE PLATE... WHEN TY COBB CRASHED AND SLASHED HIS WAY AROUND THE BASES... WHEN BABE RUTH SENT TOWERING HOME RUNS INTO THE SUMMER SKY!

WALTER JOHNSON



WON 414 GAMES!

BABE RUTH



HIT 714 HOME RUNS!

TY COBB



LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE .367!

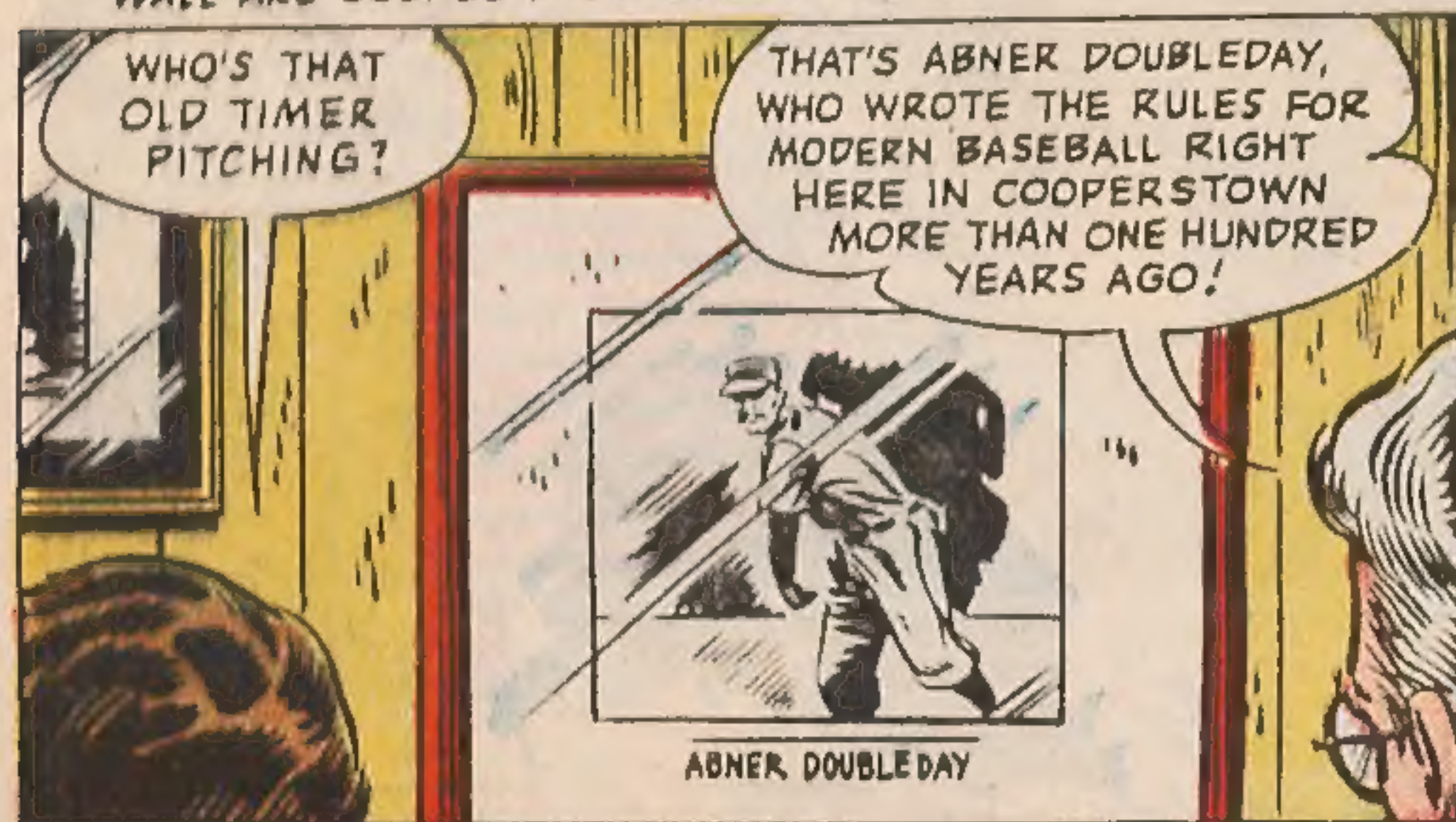
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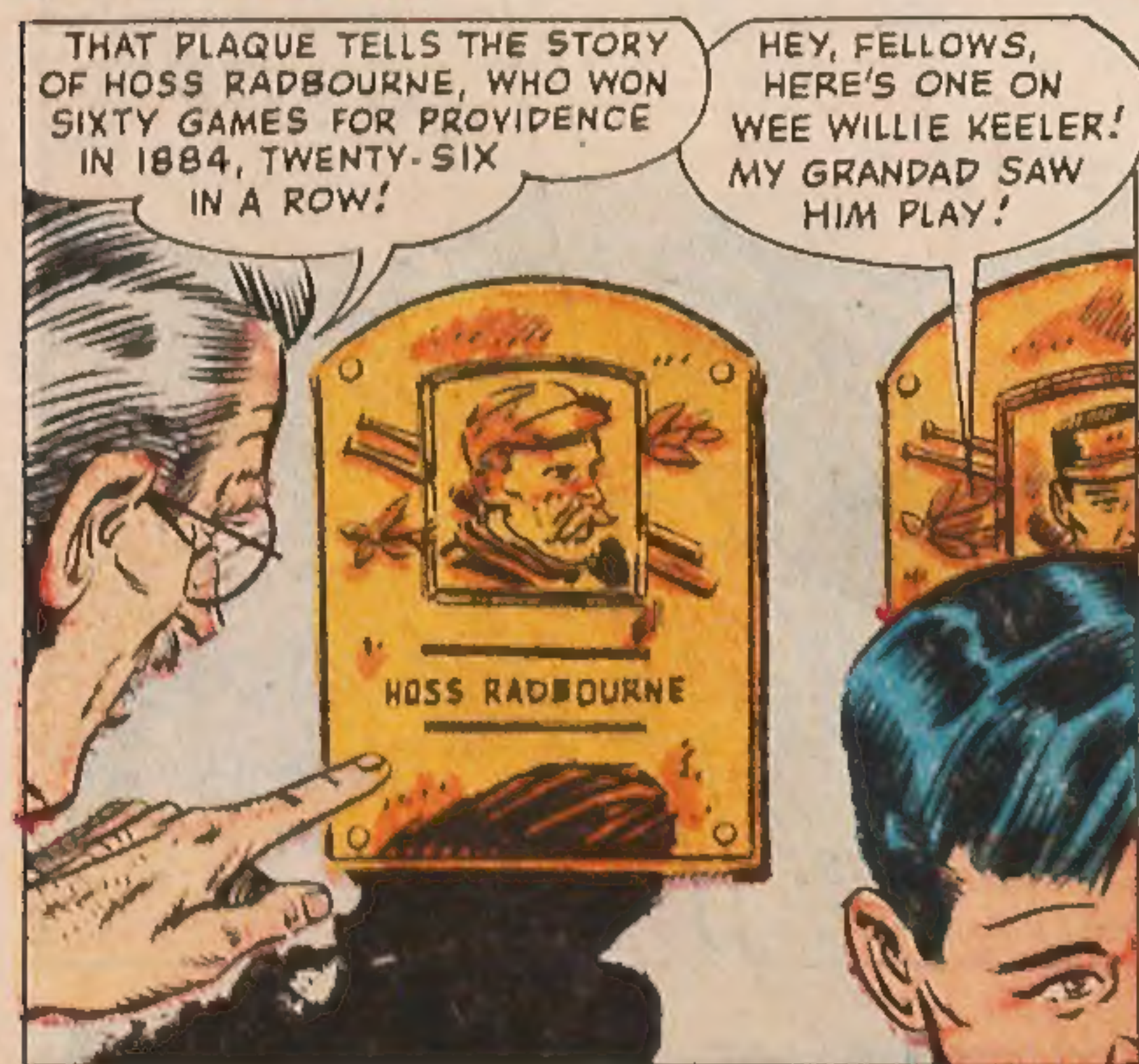
AT THE HALL OF FAME ARE MANY MEMENTOS OF THE OLD-TIME STARS!



AMONG THE MANY PAINTINGS AND LITHOGRAPHS ON THE WALL ARE SCENES FROM BASEBALL'S EARLIEST DAYS!



WHEN YOU VISIT BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME YOU'LL GET YOUR GREATEST THRILL AS YOU STAND BEFORE THE PLAQUES WHICH COMMEMORATE THE IMMORTALS. YEAR BY YEAR NEW NAMES ARE ADDED TO THE LIST BY TODAY'S AUTHORITIES ON THE GAME.



The Hall of Fame Infield...

BASEBALL AS WE KNOW IT TODAY REALLY BEGAN IN 1901 WHEN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE WAS FORMED. BEFORE THEN, RULES WERE LOOSELY DRAWN AND THERE WERE MANY BIG LEAGUE TEAMS. BUT GREAT STARS PLAYED IN THE OLD DAYS, FIRST BASEMEN SUCH AS...

...POP ANSON.
GRANDDADDY OF ALL FIRST BASEMEN!

POP HIT .407 IN 1879, .391 IN 1881, .421 IN 1887 AND .394 IN 1894 AS THE HERO OF THE CHICAGO WHITE STOCKINGS!



POP WAS LOVED FOR HIS FEARLESS INTEGRITY AND HIS WILL TO WIN!

DAN BROUTHERS,
THE BABE RUTH OF THE 1880'S!

WHAM



GIGANTIC DAN MADE 2365 HITS IN HIS TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR CAREER AND WAS A POWERHOUSE ON THE 1887 DETROIT TEAM, BATTING .419!

CHARLIE COMISKEY,
THE OLD ROMAN!



CHARLIE BATTED .387 FOR THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS IN 1887---AND STOLE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO BASES!

IN THE OLD DAYS, FIRST SACKERS PLAYED CLOSE TO THE BASE AND MANY SAFE HITS SHOT THROUGH THE HOLE AT THEIR RIGHT!

I COULD HAVE STOPPED THAT HIT!



Comiskey REVOLUTIONIZED FIRST BASE PLAY BY GOING AFTER HITS, THEN THROWING TO THE PITCHER, WHO COVERED THE BAG!



OUT!

AND THE OLD ROMAN IS REMEMBERED TODAY IN CHICAGO AS THROGS ATTEND GAMES AT THE BALL PARK WHICH BEARS HIS NAME!

I'M FOR THE WHITE SOX!

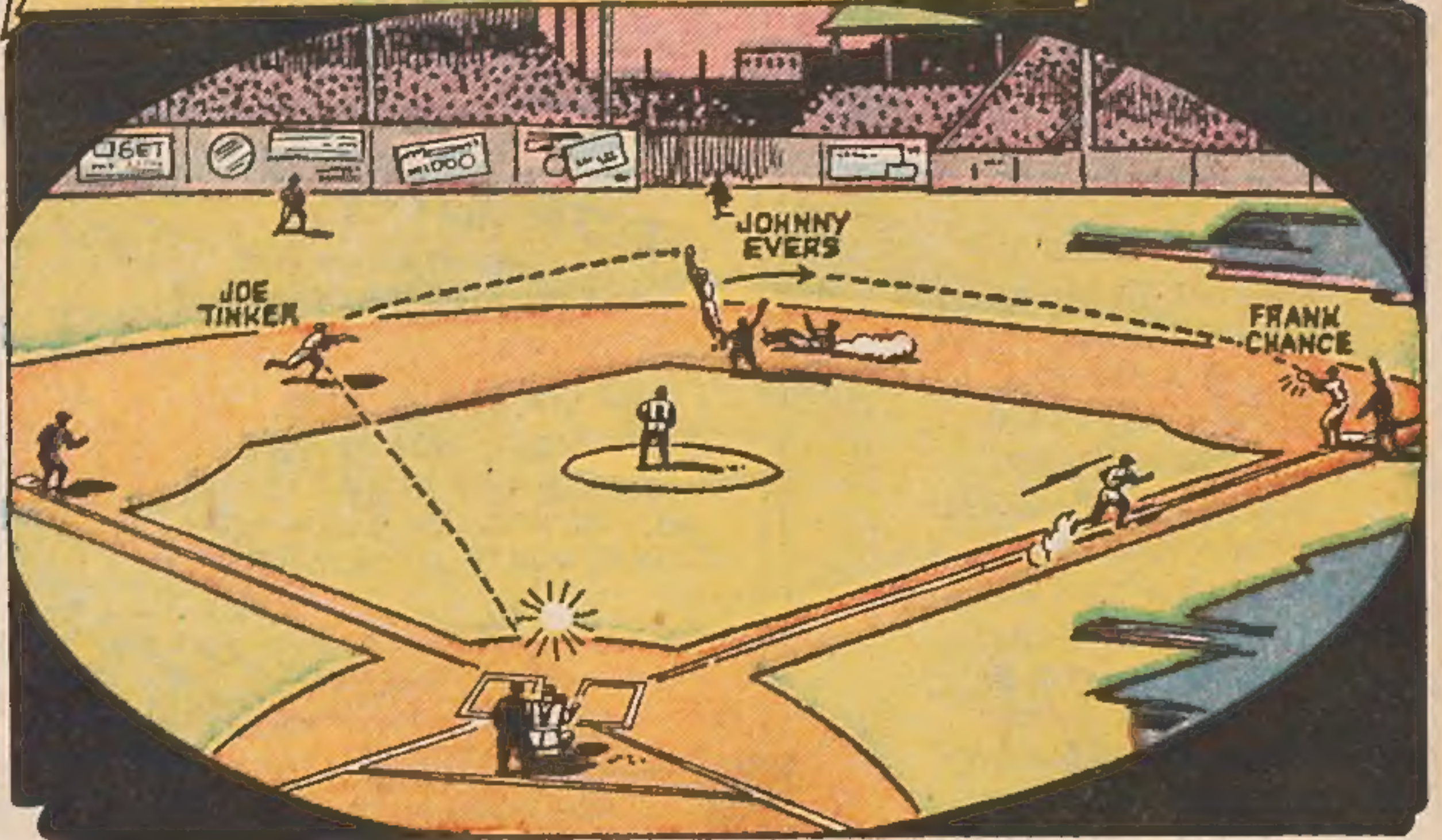


THE COMISKY FAMILY OF TODAY STILL OWNS THE WHITE SOX, THE TEAM THAT OLD CHARLIE CREATED AND TO WHICH HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE!

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...TINKER TO EVERS TO CHANCE!

In 1906 THE CHICAGO CUBS WON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FLAG WITH THE STAGGERING TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN VICTORIES! AND THE KEYSTONE OF THAT IMMORTAL TEAM WAS THE DOUBLE PLAY COMBINATION OF...



JOE TINKER, THE HUMAN BASKET!



TINKER, WHO SELDOM MISSED A HARD-HIT BALL, STILL HOLDS THE ALL-TIME RECORD OF LEADING HIS LEAGUE IN FIELDING FOR FIVE SEASONS!

JOHNNY EVERS, THE HUMAN CRAB!



I TELL YOU MERKLE NEVER TOUCHED SECOND, UMP!

YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHNNY! HE'S OUT!

IT WAS EVERS WHO DETECTED FRED MERKLE'S BONEHEAD PLAY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1908, COSTING THE GIANTS A GAME THEY HAD APPARENTLY WON! THE CUBS LATER CAPTURED THE FLAG IN A PLAY-OFF!

FRANK CHANCE, THE PEERLESS LEADER!



I DARE YOU TO THROW AT MY HEAD!

CHANCE WAS FEARLESS IN HIS PLAY, WAS HIT BY PITCHED BALLS MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER, STOLE FIFTY-SEVEN BASES IN ONE SEASON AND MANAGED THE CUBS TO PENNANTS IN 1906-7-8-10!



BY 1915 TINKER-TO-EVERS-TO-CHANCE WERE FADING FROM THE BASEBALL SCENE. THAT YEAR A LITHE YOUNG COLLEGE BOY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS. HIS NAME WAS...

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..GEORGE SISLER!



GRACEFUL GEORGE STARTED HIS COLLEGE CAREER AS A PITCHER, BUT UNDER BRANCH RICKEY'S TUTELAGE SOON DEVELOPED INTO THE GREATEST FIRST SACKER IN THE GAME, WITH A RECORD ONE HUNDRED FORTY ASSISTS IN ONE SEASON!

SISLER SPECIALIZED IN THE FIRST BASEMAN'S MOST DIFFICULT FIELDING PLAY!



HE WAS AN EXPERT ON FIELDING BUNTS TOWARD FIRST, OFTEN THROWING RUNNERS OUT AT THIRD BASE!

BUT IT WAS AS A BATTER THAT GEORGE EXCELLED!



GEORGE HIT .407 IN 1920 AND .420 IN 1922, THE HIGHEST AVERAGE IN AMERICAN LEAGUE HISTORY! HE BATTED SAFELY IN FORTY-ONE STRAIGHT GAMES IN 1922 WHEN HE WON THE LEAGUE'S FIRST MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD! IN 1925 A NEW STAR FIRST SACKER ARRIVED...

...JIMMY FOXX, THE CROWN PRINCE OF SWAT!



BURLY JIMMY, BIG GUN OF THE ATHLETICS FROM 1928 TO 1935, RAN SECOND IN HOMERS ONLY TO BABE RUTH, WITH FIFTY-EIGHT IN 1932 AND 537 DURING HIS TWENTY-YEAR CAREER!

JIMMY WAS ONE OF THE MOST VERSATILE PLAYERS IN MODERN HISTORY!

YOU'LL HAVE TO PLAY THIRD FOR ME TODAY, JIMMY!

I'LL PLAY ANYWHERE, MR. MACK!



JIMMY CAME UP AS A CATCHER, BECAME A STAR FIRST SACKER, A STEADY THIRD BASEMAN, FILLED IN AT SECOND AND OFTEN PLAYED THE OUTFIELD!

BUT JIMMY IS BEST REMEMBERED AS A LONG DISTANCE SLUGGER!



JIMMY ONCE HIT FOUR HOMERS IN CONSECUTIVE AT-BATS, FOUR HOMERS, A DOUBLE AND A TRIPLE IN A TWIN BILL, WON THREE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS! HIS GREATEST RIVAL FOR THE BABE'S HOMER CROWN WAS ANOTHER FIRST BASEMAN...

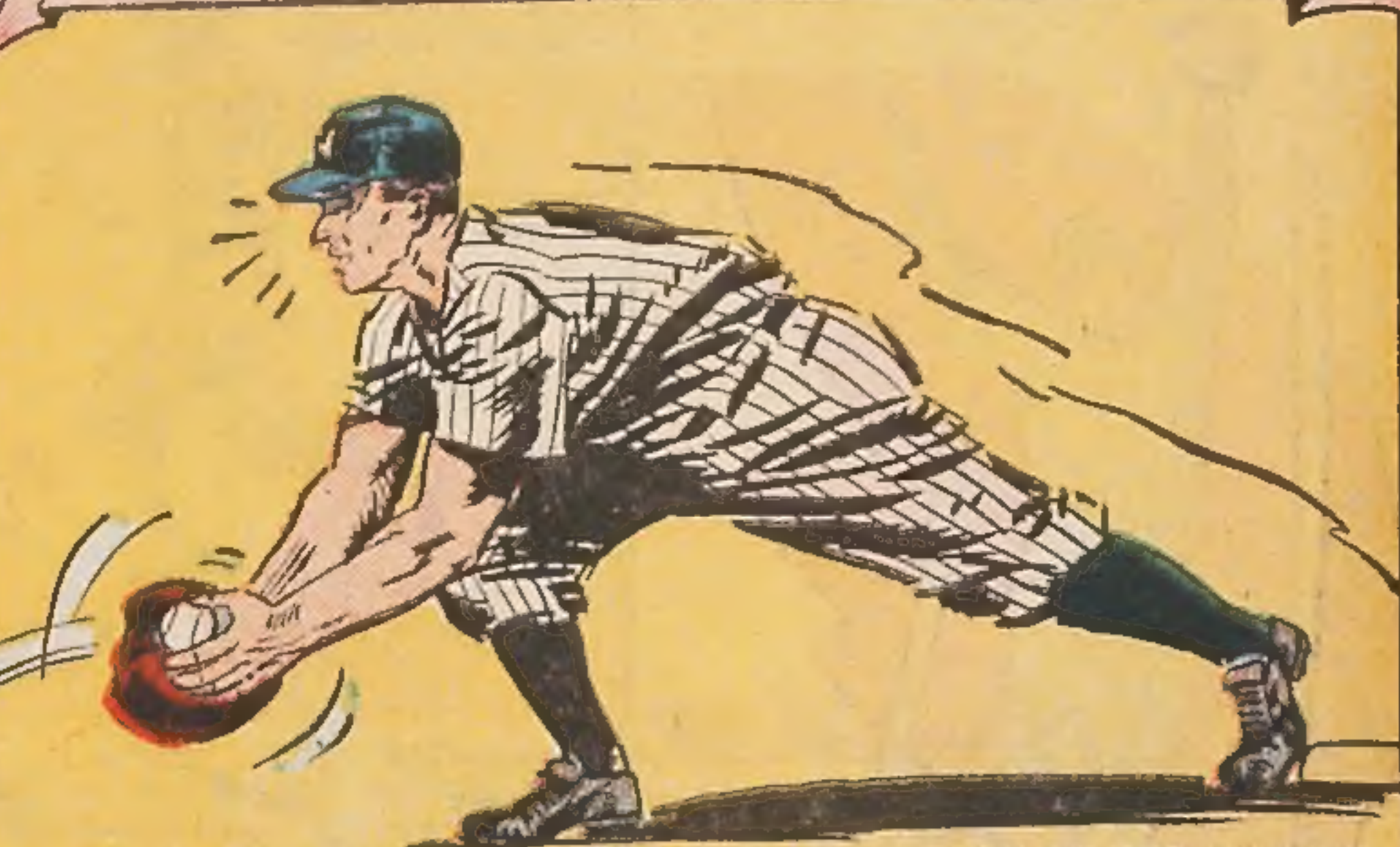
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**...LOU GEHRIG,
THE IRON HORSE!**

BIG LOU, WITH THE DIMPLES AND SUNNY SMILE, WAS AN AWKWARD FIELDER WHEN HE BROKE INTO THE BIG LEAGUES...



NEW YORK BORN AND BRED, LOU GEHRIG BECAME THE GUARDIAN OF THE YANKEES' INITIAL SACK ON JUNE 1, 1925, AND PLAYED IN EVERY YANKEE GAME UNTIL MAY 2, 1939 -- 2,130 GAMES IN ALL!



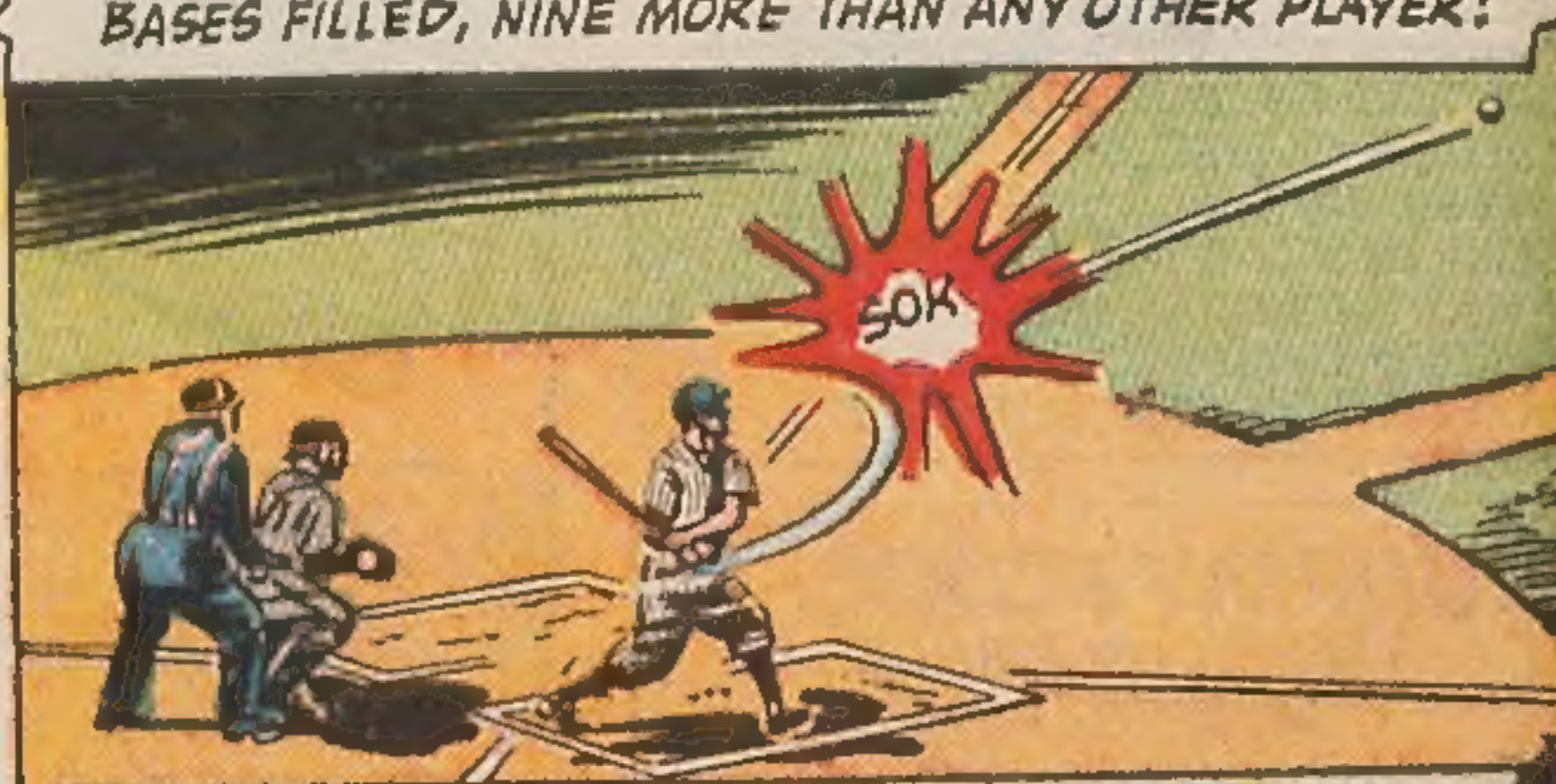
...BUT AS TIME WENT ON HE BECAME THE ROCK OF THE YANKEE INFIELD, COVERING THE BAG CLEVERLY!

LOU'S POWERFUL ARMS DROVE HOMERS DEEP INTO RIGHT FIELD!

LOU HIT TWENTY-THREE HOME RUNS WITH THE BASES FILLED, NINE MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER!



PITCHERS COULD NOT WALK BABE RUTH WITH LOU COMING UP NEXT! IN SEVEN SEASONS HE BATTED IN MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY RUNS!



ON JUNE 3, 1932, LOU HIT FOUR HOMERS IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE TIMES AT BAT! HIS LIFETIME BATTING AVERAGE WAS .340!

LOU WAS AT HIS BEST WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN, BATTING .361 IN SEVEN YANKEE WORLD SERIES!

ILLNESS BROKE THE IRON HORSE'S MIRACULOUS STREAK AND ON JULY 4, 1939, SEVENTY THOUSAND YANKEE FANS HEARD HIM SAY FAREWELL TO THE GAME HE LOVED!

YOU WERE GREAT TODAY, LOU!

WITH ALL THIS, I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!



THE ENTIRE BASEBALL WORLD MOURNED WHEN TRUE BLUE LOU MET AN UNTIMELY DEATH ON JUNE 2, 1941!

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At THE CENTURY'S TURN, A TALL, DARK-HAIRED YOUNGSTER WAS MAKING HISTORY AT SECOND BASE. HE WAS...
NAPOLEON LAJOIE
 LARRY, THE BIG FRENCHMAN!



PLAYING FOR PHILADELPHIA IN 1905, LARRY WON THE BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A .405 AVERAGE, THEN DID IT AGAIN FOR CLEVELAND IN 1903 AND 1904 WITH .355 AND .381!

STANDING OVER SIX FEET TALL, LARRY LINED DRIVES TO ALL FIELDS, HITTING OVER .300 IN FIFTEEN SEASONS! AROUND SECOND BASE HE SCOOPED HARD HIT BALLS AND...



...LARRY STILL LEADS ALL AMERICAN LEAGUE SECOND BASEMEN WITH 988 CHANCES ACCEPTED IN ONE SEASON! CHALLENGING HIM IN 1908 WAS...

...**EDDIE COLLINS**, COCKY ED!



ELECTRIC EDDIE STOLE EIGHTY-ONE BASES IN 1910! HE HIT .333 IN TWENTY-FIVE BIG LEAGUE SEASONS, LONGEST SERVICE ON RECORD! AND HE TOPS ALL SECOND SACKERS WITH NINE SEASONS AS THE BEST FIELDER! STAR OF THE CHAMPION ATHLETIC TEAMS, HE PLAYED WITH THE WHITE SOX, TOO!

BUT EDDIE IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS DARING PLAY IN THE 1917 WHITE SOX-GIANTS WORLD SERIES! HE WAS ON THIRD WITH THE BASES FULL IN THE SIXTH GAME WHEN A SOX BATTER TAPPED TO THE PITCHER!



GIANT HURLER RUBE BENTON THREW TO THIRD!



EDDIE LIT OUT FOR THE PLATE, HOPING FOR A RUNDOWN WHICH WOULD LET THE OTHER SOX RUNNERS ADVANCE. THIRD BASEMAN HEINIE ZIMMERMAN STARTED TO CHASE HIM! BUT...



...ZIMMERMAN FELL FLAT ON HIS FACE AS EDDIE SCORED! THE SOX WON, 4 TO 2, CAPTURING THE WORLD'S TITLE THAT DAY! MEANWHILE, IN ST. LOUIS, ANOTHER GREAT SECOND BASEMAN WAS DEVELOPING...

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**...ROGERS HORNSBY,
THE RAJAH!**

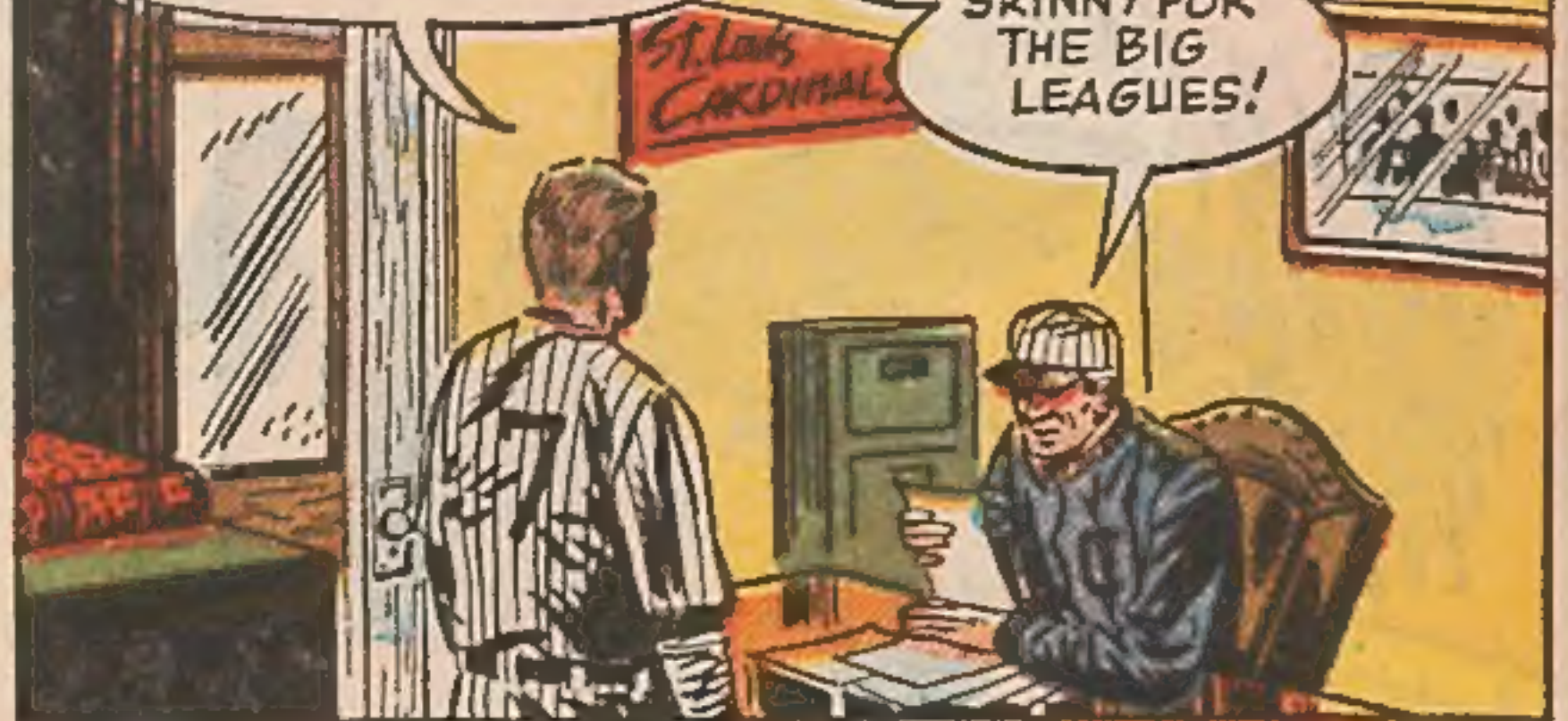


GREATEST RIGHT-HAND HITTER OF ALL TIME, THE RAJAH HOLDS THE TOP BATTING MARK OF MODERN HISTORY, .424 IN 1924! SLUGGER EXTRAORDINARY, HIS LIFETIME AVERAGE IS .358! HE LED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE HITTERS SIX TIMES, AND IN SEVENTEEN SEASONS BATTED OVER .300!

HORNSBY, NINETEEN, REPORTED TO THE CARDS IN AUGUST, 1915. ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON HE VISITED MANAGER MILLER HUGGINS' OFFICE!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME NEXT SEASON, MR. HUGGINS?

I'M FARMING YOU OUT, ROGERS! YOU'RE TOO SMALL AND SKINNY FOR THE BIG LEAGUES!



HORNSBY TOOK HUGGINS' ADVICE TO HEART, DRINKING MILK AND GAINING THIRTY POUNDS! HE MADE GOOD AS CARD SHORTSTOP AND IN 1919 TRAINED UNDER CARD MANAGER BRANCH RICKEY!

I'M SHIFTING YOU TO SECOND BASE, ROGERS. THAT'S WHERE YOU BELONG!

I DON'T CARE WHERE I PLAY, JUST SO'S I CAN GET MY LICKS AT BAT!



FOR TEN YEARS THE GREAT RAJAH TERRORIZED NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHERS. HE MADE 2930 HITS IN HIS CAREER!

'RAY, RAJ'!
HE WON
THE FLAG!

WOW!
THE CARDS
ARE
CHAMPS!

THE RAJAH
LIVED, BREATHED
AND DREAMED
BASEBALL!

WHAT'LL
YOU HAVE
TO DRINK,
RAJ'?

I DON'T
TOUCH LIQUOR,
JIM, OR SMOKE
EITHER. MAKE
MINE MILK!



THE RAJAH'S LOVE OF THE GAME WAS SO FIERCE THAT HE QUARRELED WITH CLUBOWNERS AND WAS TRADED FROM ST. LOUIS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON, THE CUBS, AND FINALLY TO THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS.

IN 1938 RAJ' BECAME A MINOR LEAGUE MANAGER. BUT HIS HAPPIEST DAYS WERE, IN THE MID-40'S ON CHICAGO'S SANDLOTS!

STAND DEEP IN THE BATTER'S BOX, TOMMY, AND STEP INTO THE BALL!

I GETCHA,
RAJ'!



IN DECEMBER, 1926, HORNSBY WAS TRADED TO THE GIANTS FOR ANOTHER BRILLIANT, HARD-HITTING SECOND BASEMAN...

IN 1926 HORNSBY SUCCEEDED RICKEY AS CARD MANAGER AND BROUGHT ST. LOUIS ITS FIRST FLAG AND WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP, LICKING THE YANKS OF RUTH AND GEHRIG!

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...FRANKIE FRISCH, THE FORDHAM FLASH!



DYNAMIC, WITTY FRANKIE WAS A FOOTBALL, TRACK AND BASEBALL STAR IN COLLEGE! HE COULD PLAY SECOND, THIRD AND SHORT WITH EQUAL BRILLIANCE. HE SPARKED THE GIANTS TO FOUR STRAIGHT FLAGS, 1921-25, HOLDS RECORDS FOR MOST CHANCES AT SECOND (1037), AND WAS BASE-STEALING CHAMPION, 1921-27 AND 1931!

AFTER HIS TRADE TO THE CARDS, FRANKIE MANAGED THE FAMOUS GAS HOUSE GANG!

DON'T YOU CALL ME A BLUBBERHEAD, FRISCH!

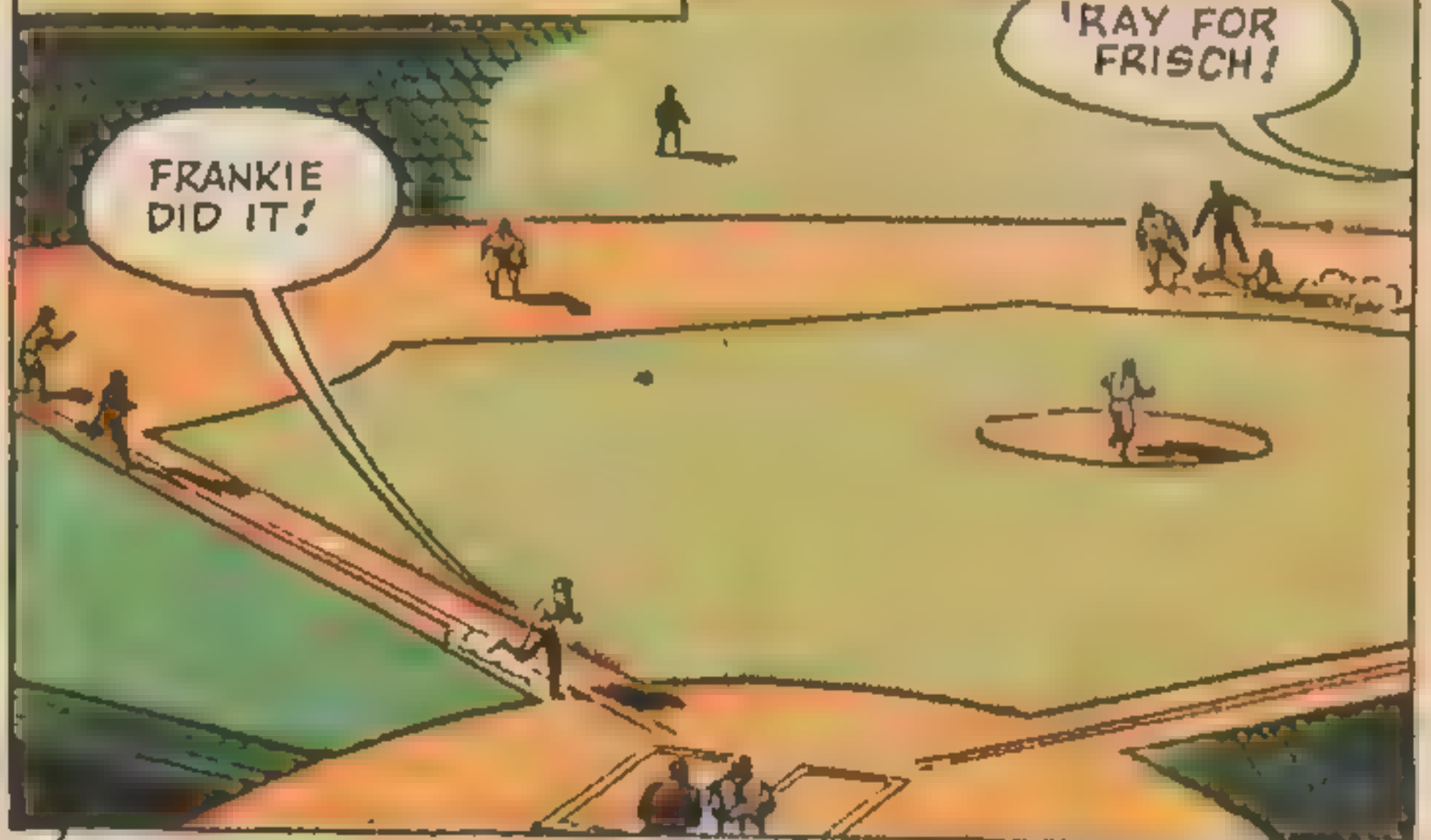
I CALLED YOU A LUGGERHEAD, NOT A BLUBBERHEAD! I THOUGHT YOU WERE BLIND - NOW YOU'RE DEAF, TOO!



Frankie WAS A PERFECT SWITCH-HITTER, WITH A LIFETIME .316 MARK!



AND IN THE GAME'S WILDEST WORLD SERIES, CARDS VERSUS THE TIGERS, IN 1934...



FRANKIE DID IT!

'RAY FOR FRISCH!

...FRANKIE'S DOUBLE WITH THE BASES FULL STARTED A RALLY IN THE FINAL GAME TO GIVE ST. LOUIS AN 11 TO 0 WIN AND THE WORLD'S TITLE! LATER, FRANKIE MANAGED THE PIRATES AND CUBS. AND IN THE 1930'S ANOTHER SECOND-SACKER TO SHINE WAS...

...CHARLIE GEHRINGER, THE MECHANICAL MAN!

OUT AT SECOND!



FROM 1924 TO 1941 FLAWLESS CHARLIE WAS THE PERFECT FIELDER OF THE DETROIT TIGERS' INFIELD, LEADING HIS LEAGUE IN SEVEN SEASONS. SO EFFORTLESS WAS HIS PLAY THAT FEW REALIZED HE WAS A .321 LIFETIME HITTER!

Charlie WAS ONE OF THE MANY BRILLIANT SECOND SACKERS OF ALL TIME!

LIKE THE OTHERS, HE TEAMED UP WITH EQUALLY CLEVER SHORTSTOPS TO EXECUTE DAZZLING DOUBLE PLAYS. GREATEST OF THE OLD-TIME SHORTSTOPS WAS...

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...GEORGE WRIGHT!



GEORGE WRIGHT STARRED ON CINCINNATI'S RED STOCKINGS IN 1869-70, BATTING .670 AS HIS TEAM FINISHED THE SEASON WITH A 1.000 AVERAGE! (RULES WERE DIFFERENT THEN). THE REDS OF HIS DAY WON EIGHTY-ONE GAMES IN A ROW! TWENTY YEARS LATER, FANS WERE THRILLED BY...

... HUGHIE JENNINGS, EE-YAH HUGHIE!



FAMOUS FOR HIS WAR-WHOOPS DURING GAMES, COLORFUL HUGHIE SPARKED THE BRAWLING BALTIMORE ORIOLES OF THE 1890'S, BATTING .386 IN 1895, STEALING 72 BASES IN 1896! LATER, HE WAS A POPULAR DETROIT TIGER MANAGER AND GIANT COACH. IN 1897, HOWEVER, THE GAME'S GREATEST SHORTSTOP BROKE IN...

...HONUS WAGNER, THE FLYING DUTCHMAN!



FIRST AT LOUISVILLE, THEN IN PITTSBURGH, HANS WAGNER PLAYED NINETEEN BIG LEAGUE YEARS, LED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE EIGHT TIMES, NEVER FALLING BELOW .300 UNTIL HE WAS FORTY YEARS OLD IN 1914! HE STILL LEADS HIS LEAGUE IN SINGLES (2431); DOUBLES (648); TRIPLES (250)! HE PLAYED EVERY POSITION EXCEPT CATCHER IN HIS BIG-LEAGUE CAREER!

DAY AFTER DAY, HANS MADE IMPOSSIBLE PLAYS, ROAMING SHORTFIELD ON HIS BOWLEGS!



IN RECENT YEARS HONUS HAS BEEN AN HONORARY COACH ON HIS BELOVED PIRATES!

TELL ME ABOUT THE OLD DAYS, HANS!

THAT WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF BASEBALL, LAD-- HARD, CRASHING! WHY, IN MY TIME, THERE WAS A WONDERFUL THIRD BASEMAN WHO BECAME THE GREATEST MANAGER OF THEM ALL...



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... **JOHN J. McGRAW**,
THE LITTLE NAPOLEON!

SWASHBUCKLING MUGGSY McGRAW WON THE THIRD BASE JOB ON THE BATTLING BALTIMORE ORIOLES IN 1893 WHEN HE WAS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD! IN 1899, HE HIT .390 AND STOLE SEVENTY-THREE BASES!

MUGGSY WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST BASE-RUNNERS OF ALL TIME--- FEARLESS AND FAST!

GANGWAY, FELLOW!

OOF!

TWO-HUNDRED-POUND INFIELTERS GOT OUT OF HIS WAY AS HE CHARGED INTO THEM! HE MADE 1307 LIFETIME HITS GOOD FOR 1019 RUNS, PROOF OF HIS SUPERIOR RUNNING!

Manager of the NEW YORK GIANTS FROM 1902 TO 1932, McGRAW RULED HIS TEAM WITH A FIST OF IRON!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU DID DRIVE IN TWO RUNS TODAY! YOU HIT TO LEFT AND I SIGNALLED YOU TO HIT TO RIGHT! YOU'RE FINED FIFTY DOLLARS!

YES, MR. McGRAW!

McGRAW CALLED EVERY BATTING AND PITCHING SIGN IN EVERY GAME!

McGRAW'S BRAND OF "INSIDE BASEBALL" BECAME FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE GAME! HE ALSO FEATURED THE HIT-AND-RUN PLAY TO ADVANCE RUNNERS!

IF YOU WANT TO STAY ON MY TEAM, KID, YOU'D BETTER LEARN HOW TO SACRIFICE BUNT!

FIERCE IN HIS LOVE OF VICTORY, McGRAW LED THE GIANTS TO TEN PENNANTS AND THREE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!

WORLD CHAMPIONS

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TODAY MUGGSY McGRAW IS BEST REMEMBERED AS A FIGHTING MANAGER, ALTHOUGH HE WAS ALSO A BRILLIANT INFIELDER! OLD-TIMERS, HOWEVER, POINT TO A RIVAL THIRD SACKER AS THE BEST HOT CORNER DEFENDER OF ALL TIME...

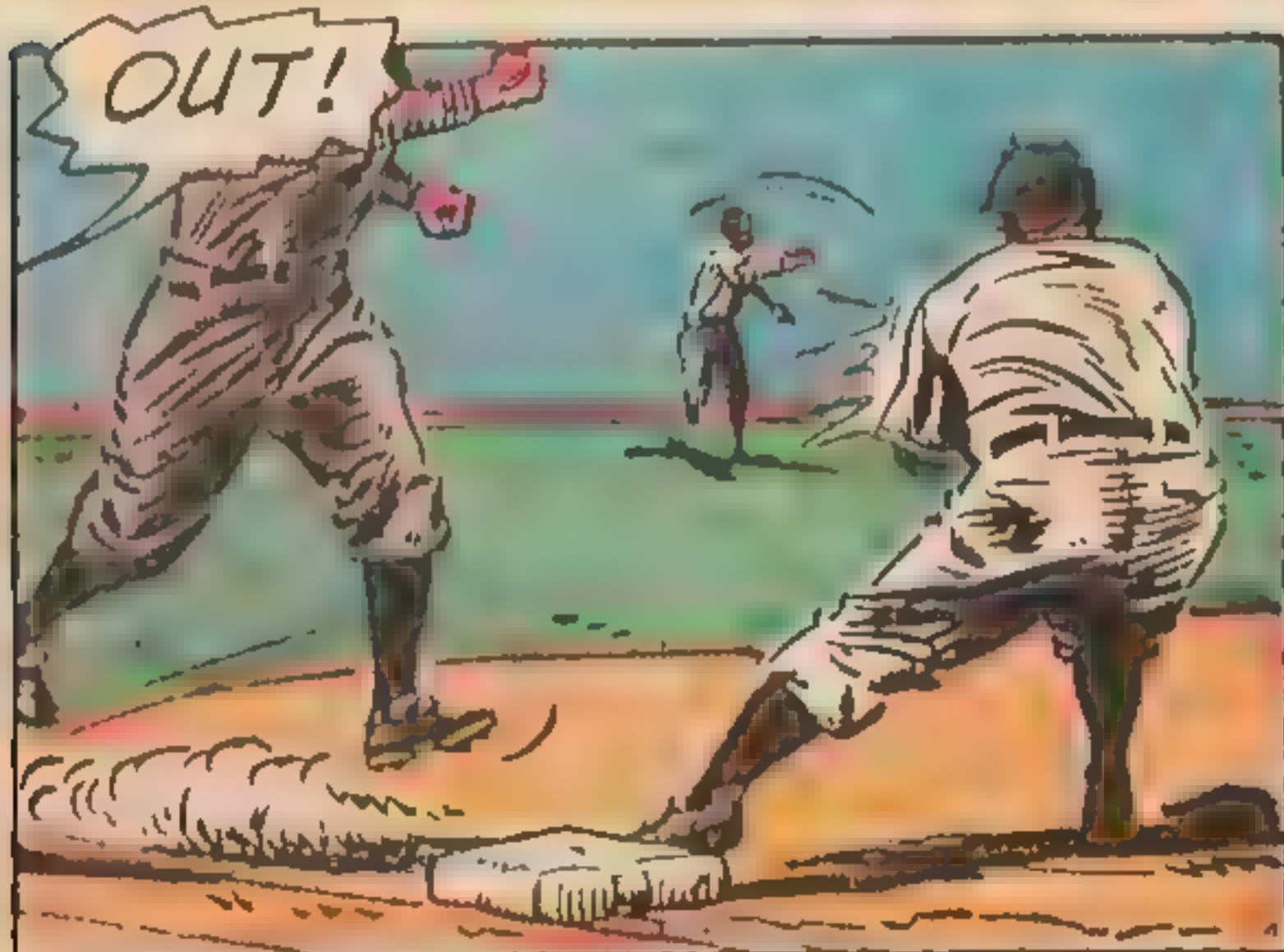
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STAR THIRD SACKER OF THE BOSTON RED SOX FROM 1896 TO 1908, AND THEIR MANAGER FROM 1901 TO 1906, GRACEFUL JIMMY HOLDS THE RECORD FOR PUT-OUTS (252) AND IS SECOND IN TOTAL CHANCES ACCEPTED (601)!

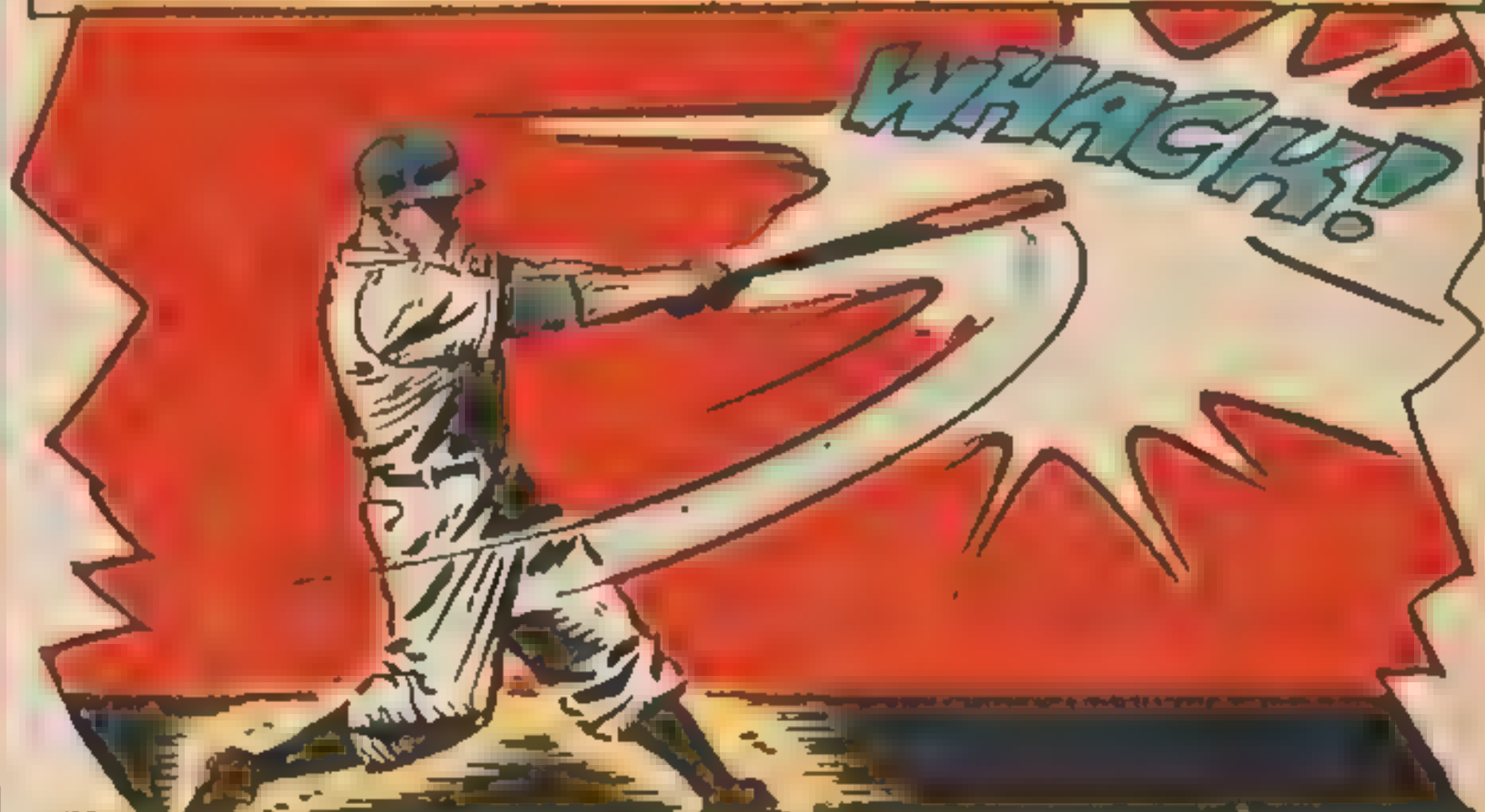


NO ONE COULD FIELD BUNTS WITH HIS BARE HAND LIKE JIMMY!

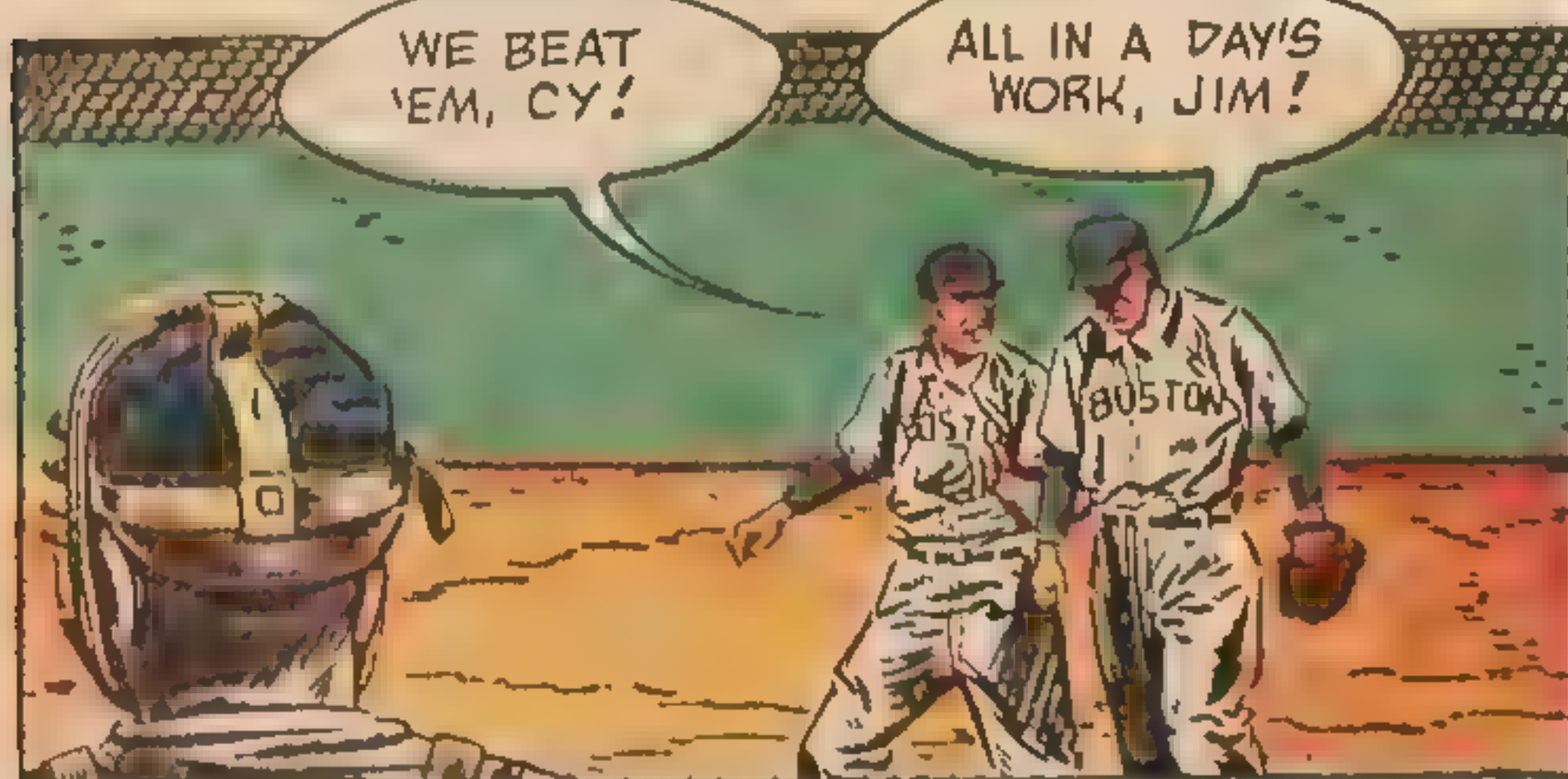


GOING FAR AND DEEP TO HIS RIGHT, JIMMY WOULD THROW A CLOTHESLINE PEG TO FIRST WITH BULLET ACCURACY! HE MADE 376 ASSISTS IN 1899!

JIMMY LED HIS 1903 RED SOX INTO THE FIRST MODERN WORLD SERIES AGAINST PITTSBURGH!



HE CRACKED OUT TWO DOUBLES AGAINST DEACON PHILLIPPE IN THE THIRD GAME AND STOLE TWO BASES!



...AND BEHIND THE GREAT PITCHING OF CY YOUNG, JIMMY'S SOX BECAME THE FIRST AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD!

SUCH IS THE STORY OF THE HALL OF FAME INFELDERS -- DARING, DASHING PLAYERS WHOSE NAMES WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN! AND THROUGH THE YEARS, THEY WERE BACKED UP BY SLUGGING, SPEEDY FLY-CHASERS SUCH AS...

The Hall of Fame Outfield...

TOM McCARTHY and HUGH DUFFY,
THE HEAVENLY TWINS!

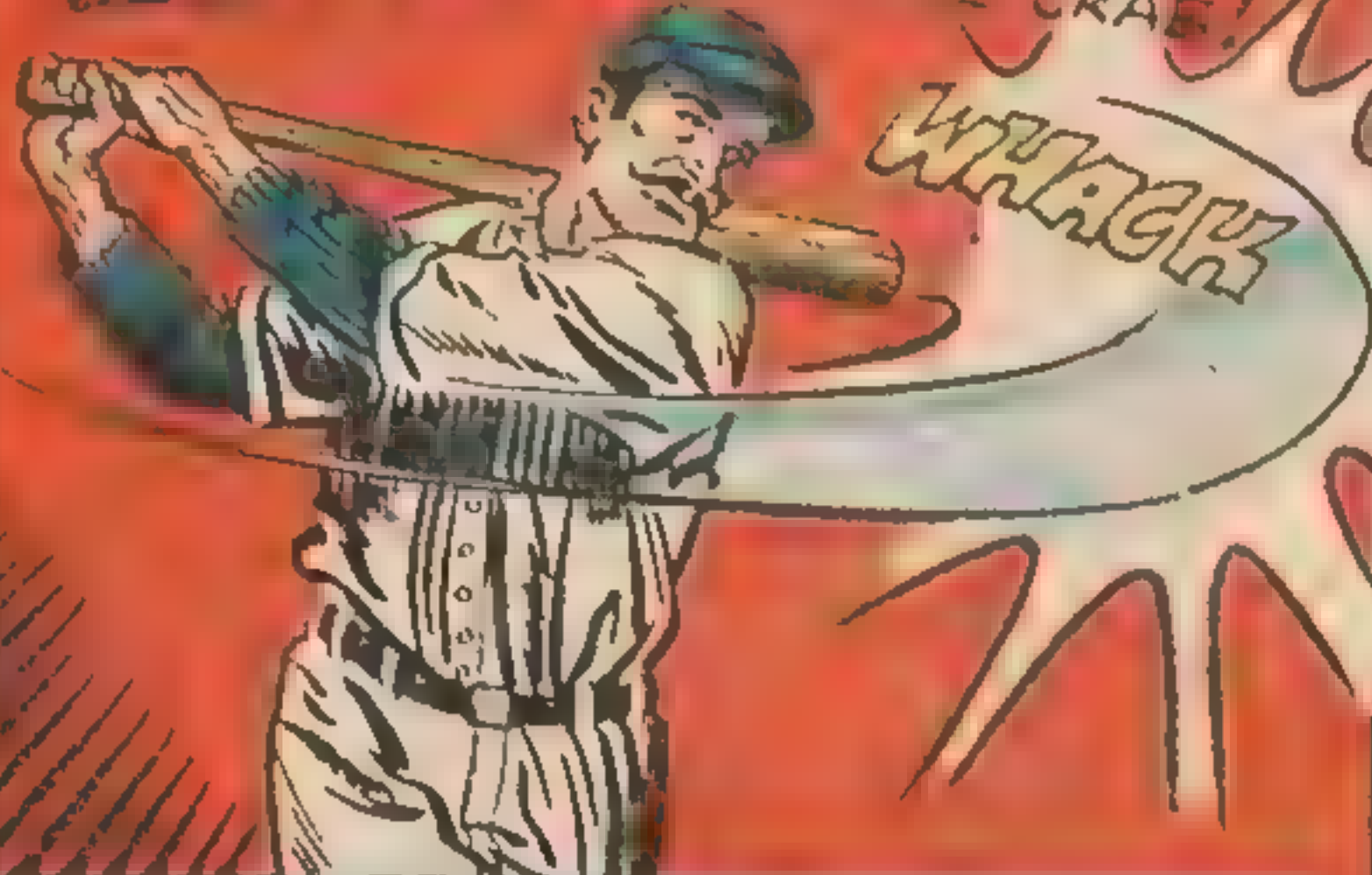
GOT THAT RUNNER
TRAPPED,
HUGHIE!

SOME TRICK,
TOMMY!



PLAYING THE OUTFIELD FOR BOSTON IN 1892,
McCARTHY INVENTED THE "TRAP PLAY" TO CATCH RUNNERS
OFF BASE ON A SHORT FLY; AND DUFFY BATTED .438 IN 1894!

JESSE BURKETT, THE CRAE!



AGILE LITTLE JESSE PLAYED FOR NEW YORK,
CLEVELAND, ST. LOUIS NATIONALS AND BROWNS,
AND BOSTON RED SOX--AND SHARES WITH TY COBB
AND ROGERS HORNSBY THE HONOR OF BATTING
OVER .400 IN THREE SEASONS!

ED DELAHANTY,
BIG ED!

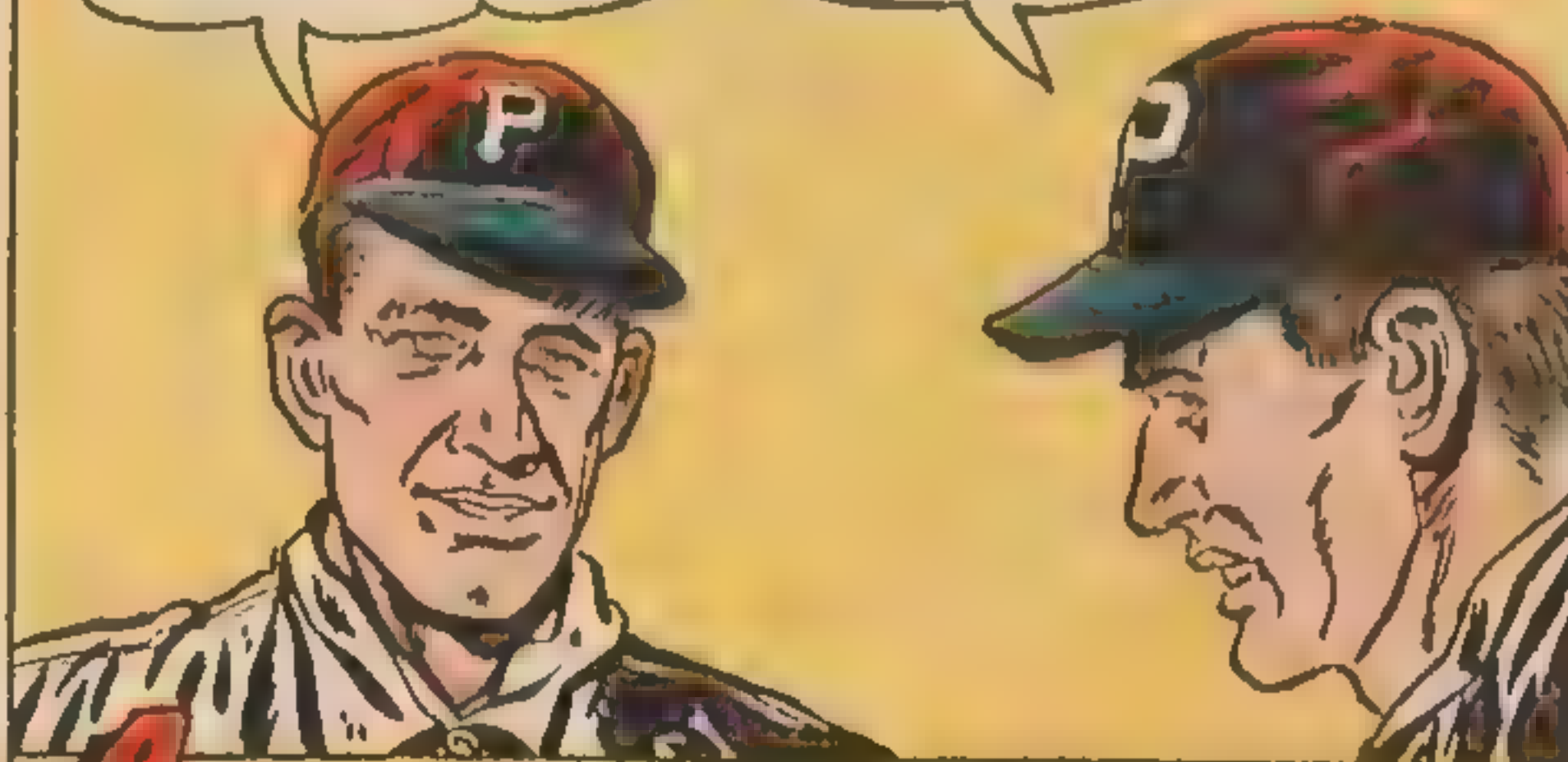


BIG ED WAS THE RIGHT-HANDED BABE
RUTH, WHACKING WILD PITCHES FOR HOMERS,
TWICE GETTING SIX HITS IN ONE GAME,
WINNING BATTING CROWNS IN BOTH LEAGUES!
.408 FOR THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONALS
IN 1899 AND .376 FOR THE WASHINGTON
SENATORS IN 1902!

FRED CLARKE, THE BOY MANAGER!

YOU PLAY SHORTSTOP
TODAY, WAGNER!

THAT'S GOOD,
MR. CLARKE!



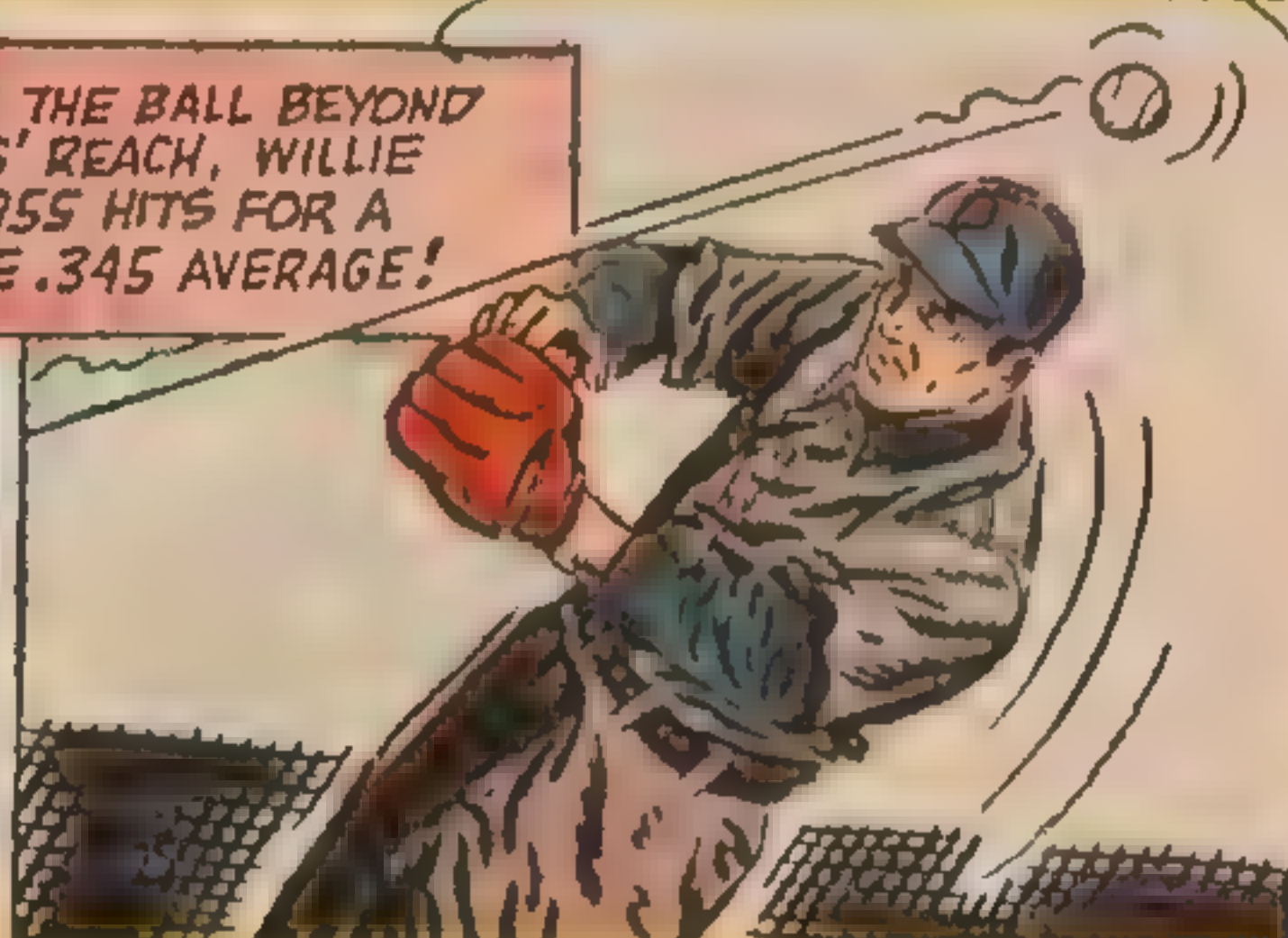
AS PIRATE CENTERFIELDER, CLARKE WAS A STYLISH
FLY-CATCHER AND A .315 BATTER! AS PIRATE MANAGER
FROM 1901 TO 1915, HE DEVELOPED HANS WAGNER,
WINNING FOUR PENNANTS TO BECOME PITTSBURGH'S
FAVORITE SON!

**WILLIE
KEELER,**
WEE WILLIE!



CLEVEREST BATTER OF ALL TIME, WEE WILLIE
STOOD FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES TALL, WEIGHED 140 POUNDS!
WILLIE PERFECTED THE BUNT AS LEAD-OFF MAN ON THE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES, WON BATTING CROWNS IN 1897 AND 1898,
STILL HOLDS THE RECORD FOR 199 SINGLES IN ONE SEASON!

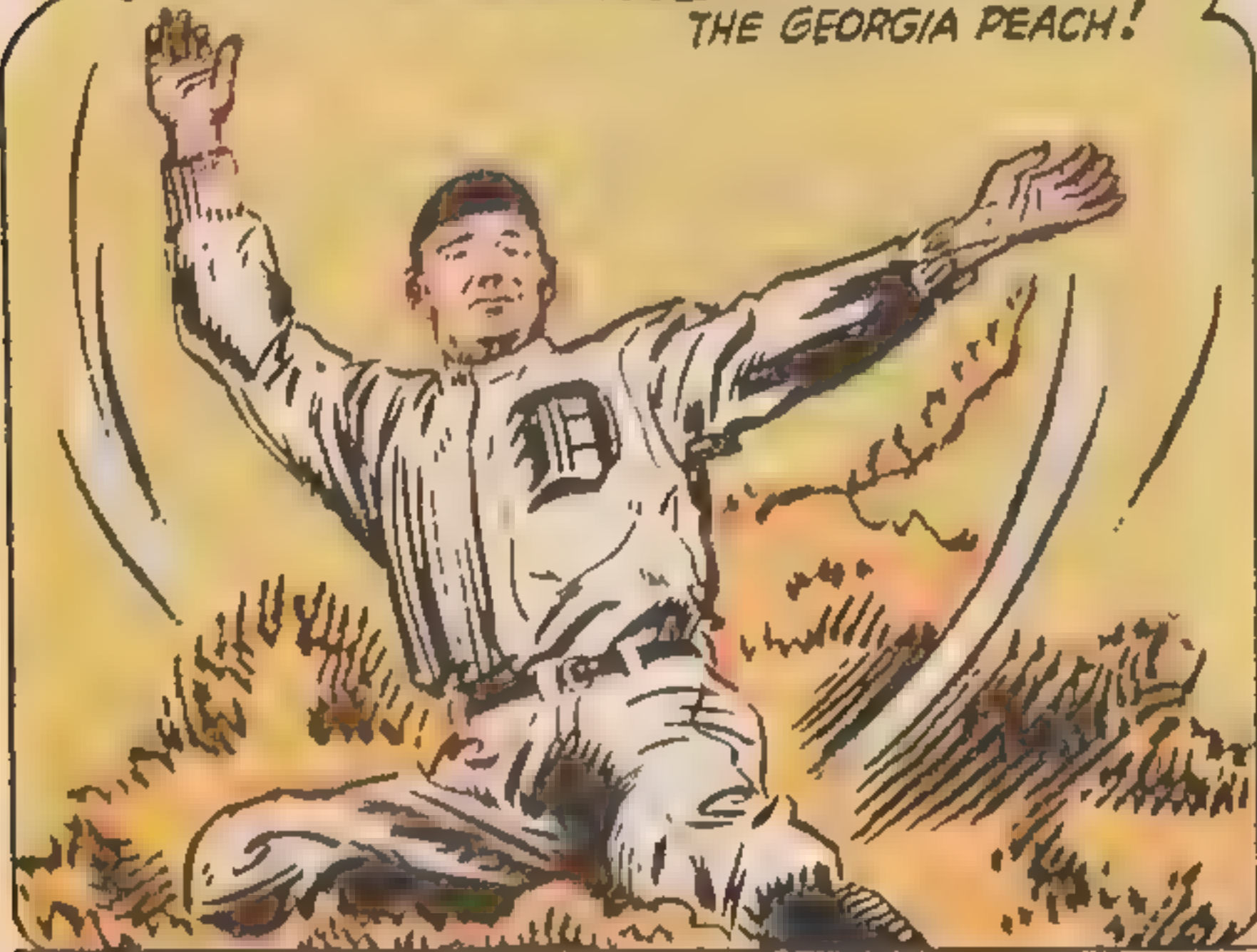
FLICKING THE BALL BEYOND
FIELDERS' REACH, WILLIE
MADE 2955 HITS FOR A
LIFETIME .345 AVERAGE!



IN 1905, WHILE WILLIE KEELER WAS
STILL IN HIS PRIME, A YOUNG GEORGIAN
JOINED THE TIGERS. HIS NAME WAS...

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...TYRUS RAYMOND COBB, THE GEORGIA PEACH!



TY COBB, TERROR OF THE DIAMOND, DOMINATED BASEBALL FROM 1906 TO 1928! SUPREME BATTER, FEARLESS BASE RUNNER, SUPERB FIELDER, HE RAN ROUGHSHOD OVER HIS OPPONENTS!

TY MADE 4191 SAFE HITS, HOLDS THE HIGHEST LIFETIME AVERAGE, YET...

C'MON, PITCH TO ME!...I DARE YOU!



...HE HELD HIS HANDS WIDELY APART ON THE BAT, A STYLE USED BY NO OTHER HITTER!

AND PITCHERS DIDN'T DARE WALK TY, BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ONLY THE SPEEDIEST RUNNER OF ALL TIME BUT THE MOST DIFFICULT TO TAG OUT!

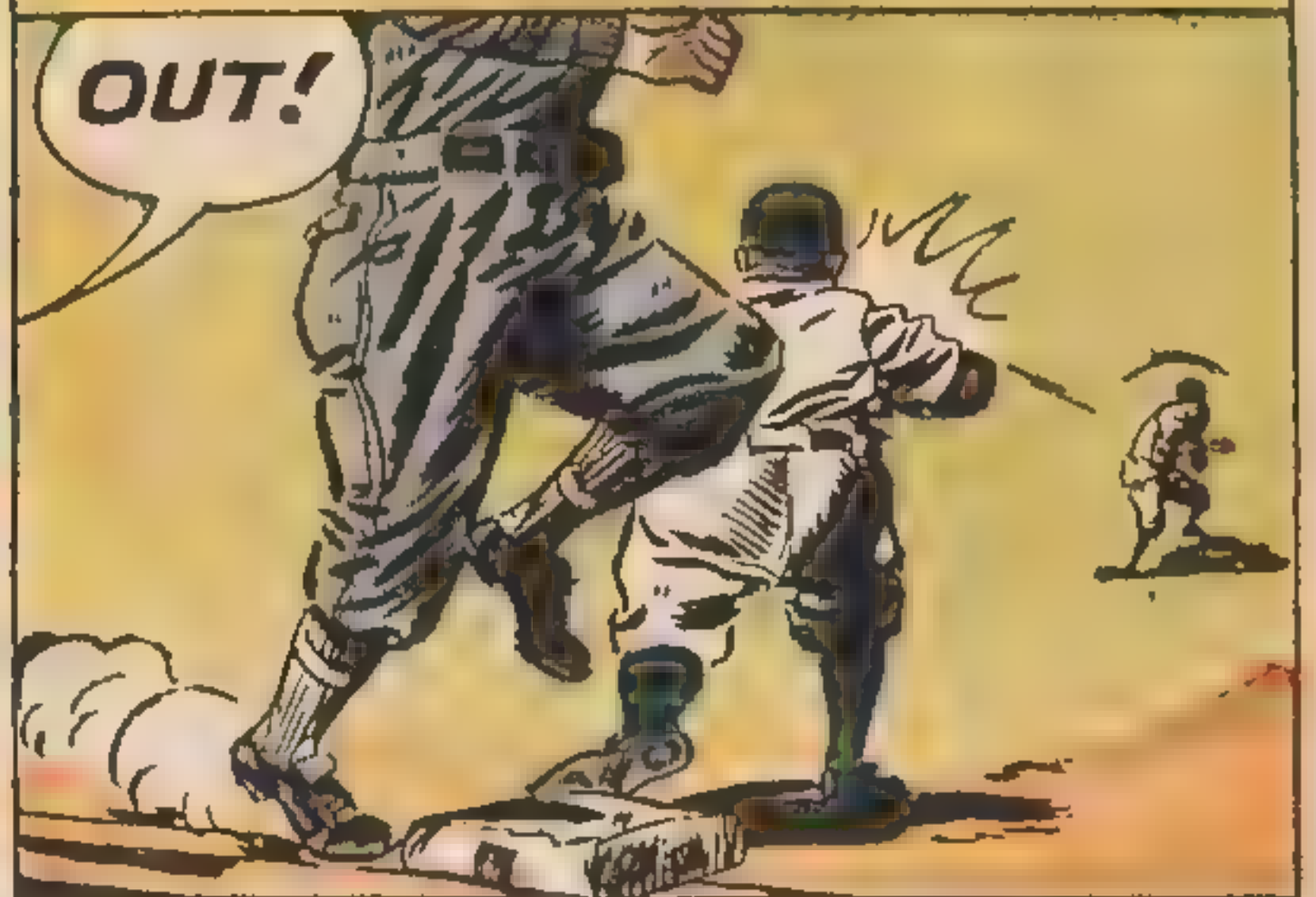
OUT OF MY WAY, BOY!



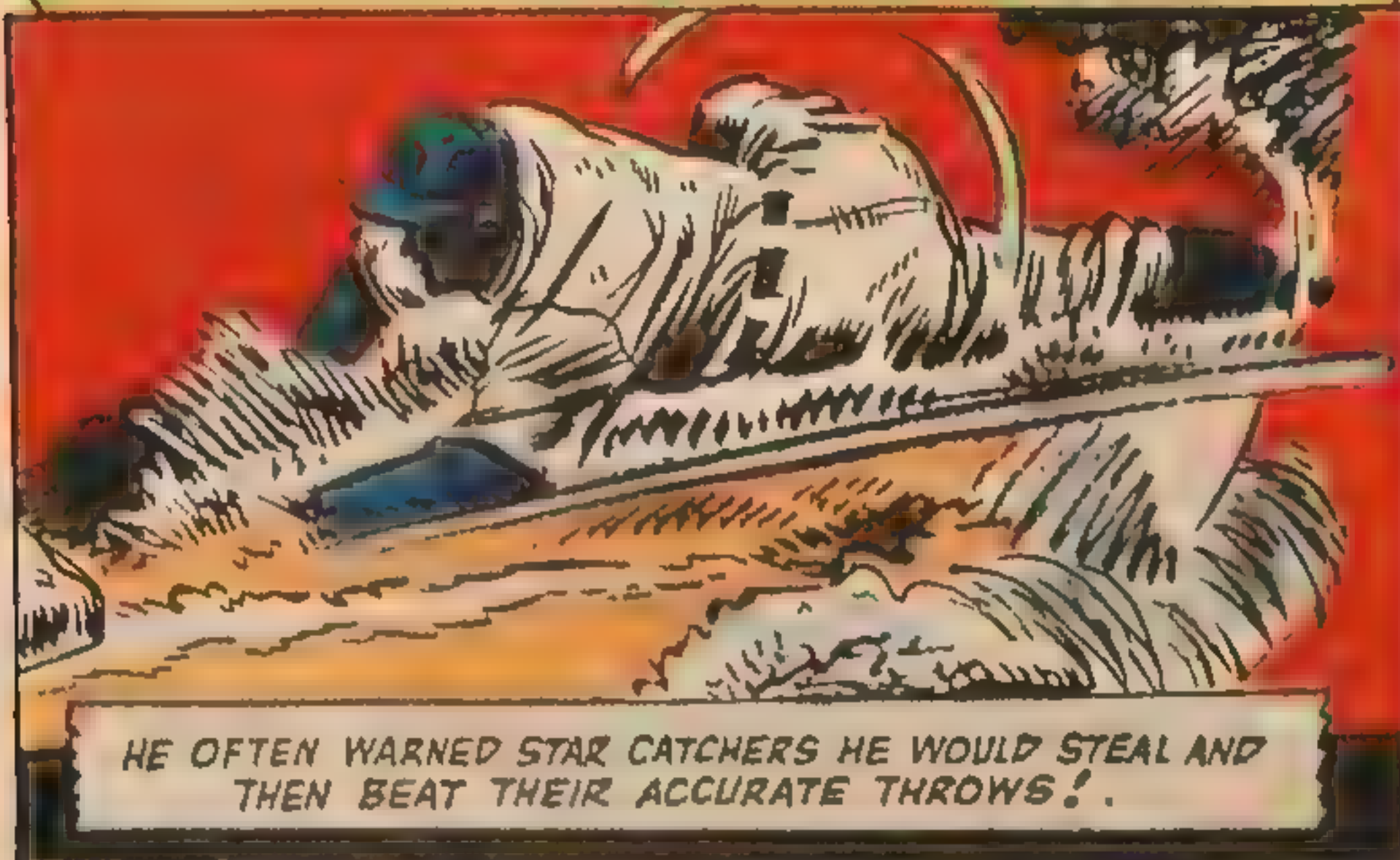
TY STOLE NINETY-SIX BASES IN 1915 AND 892 IN HIS CAREER!

TY WAS THE MOST SPECTACULAR OUTFIELDER OF HIS TIME, PLAYING ALL THREE POSITIONS! ONE DAY IN RIGHT FIELD, TY THREW THREE RUNNERS OUT AT FIRST BASE ON APPARENTLY SAFE HITS TO RIGHT!

OUT!



TY INVENTED THE HOOK, FADEAWAY AND FALLAWAY SLIDES, SCORED FROM FIRST ON SINGLES, FROM SECOND ON SACRIFICE BUNTS AND INFIELD OUTS!



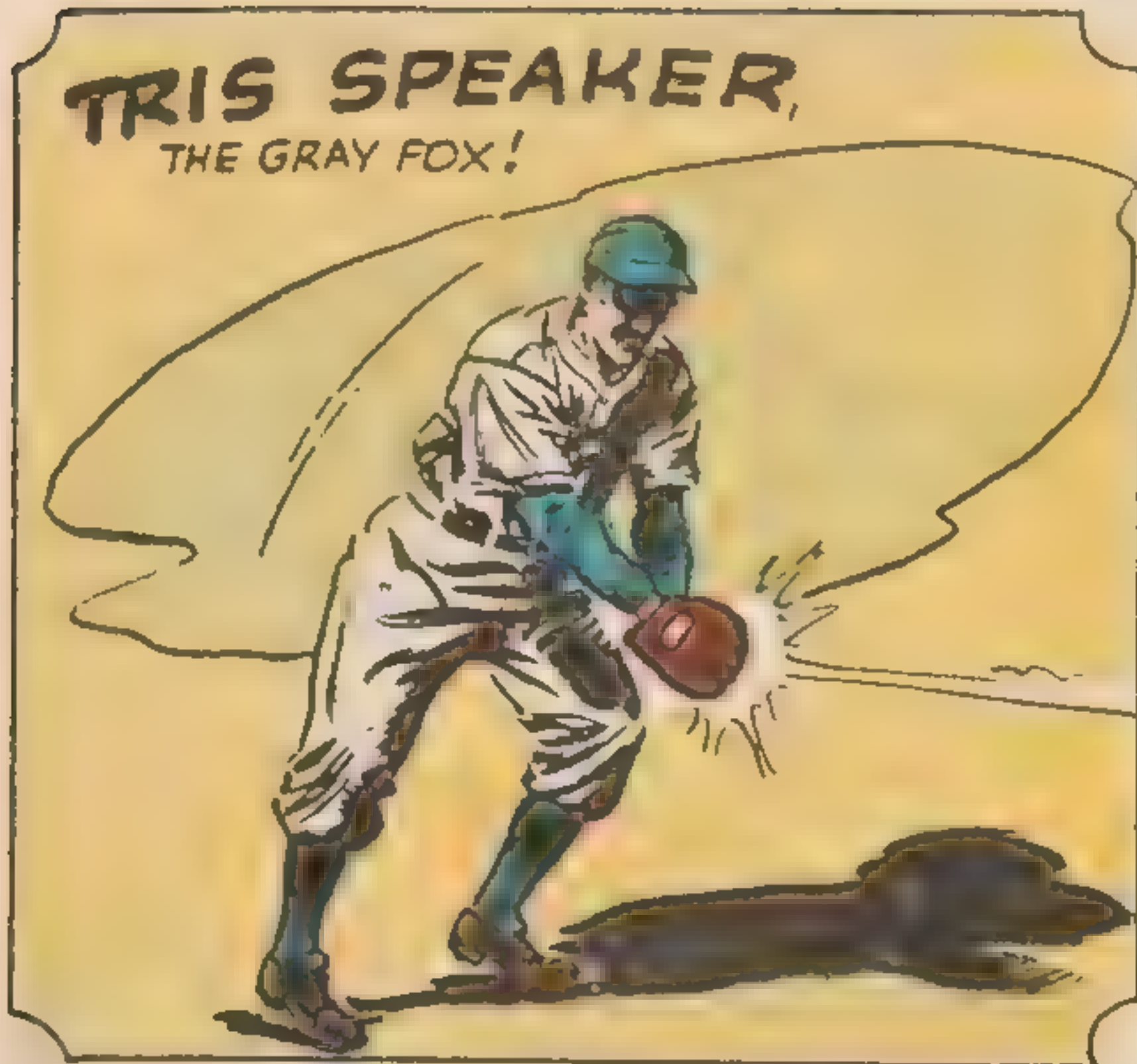
HE OFTEN WARNED STAR CATCHERS HE WOULD STEAL AND THEN BEAT THEIR ACCURATE THROWS!

A FEW TY COBB RECORDS!

Batting king	_____	12 seasons
Batted over .300	_____	24 seasons
Batted over .400	_____	3 seasons
Most games played	_____	3033
Most runs scored	_____	2244
Most base hits	_____	4191

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TRIS SPEAKER, THE GRAY FOX!

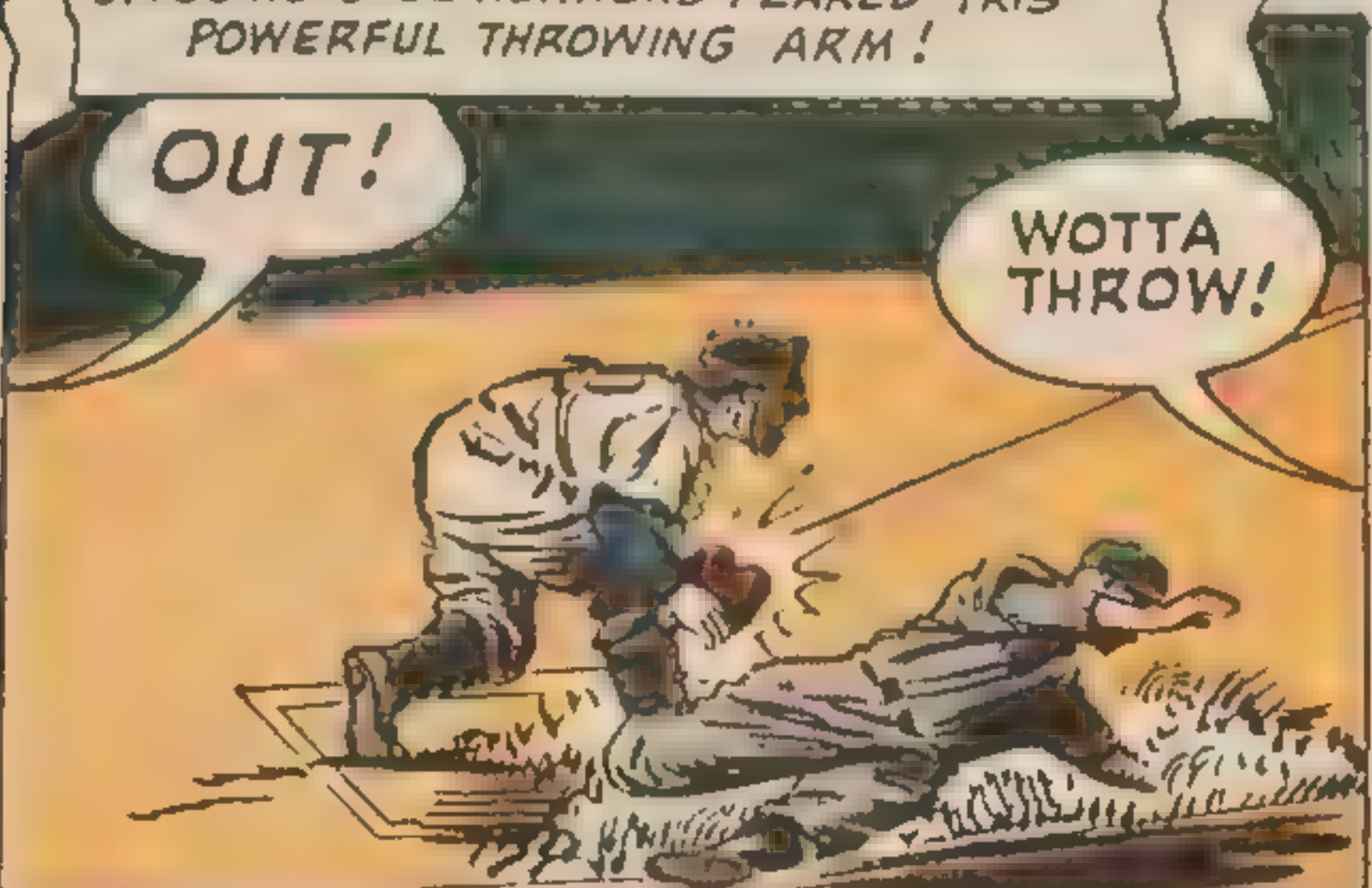


CENTERFIELDERS MAY COME AND GO, BUT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER AS FLEET AS TRIS SPEAKER, WHOSE BIG LEAGUE CAREER STRETCHED FROM 1908 TO 1930!

OPPOSING BASE RUNNERS FEARED TRIS' POWERFUL THROWING ARM!

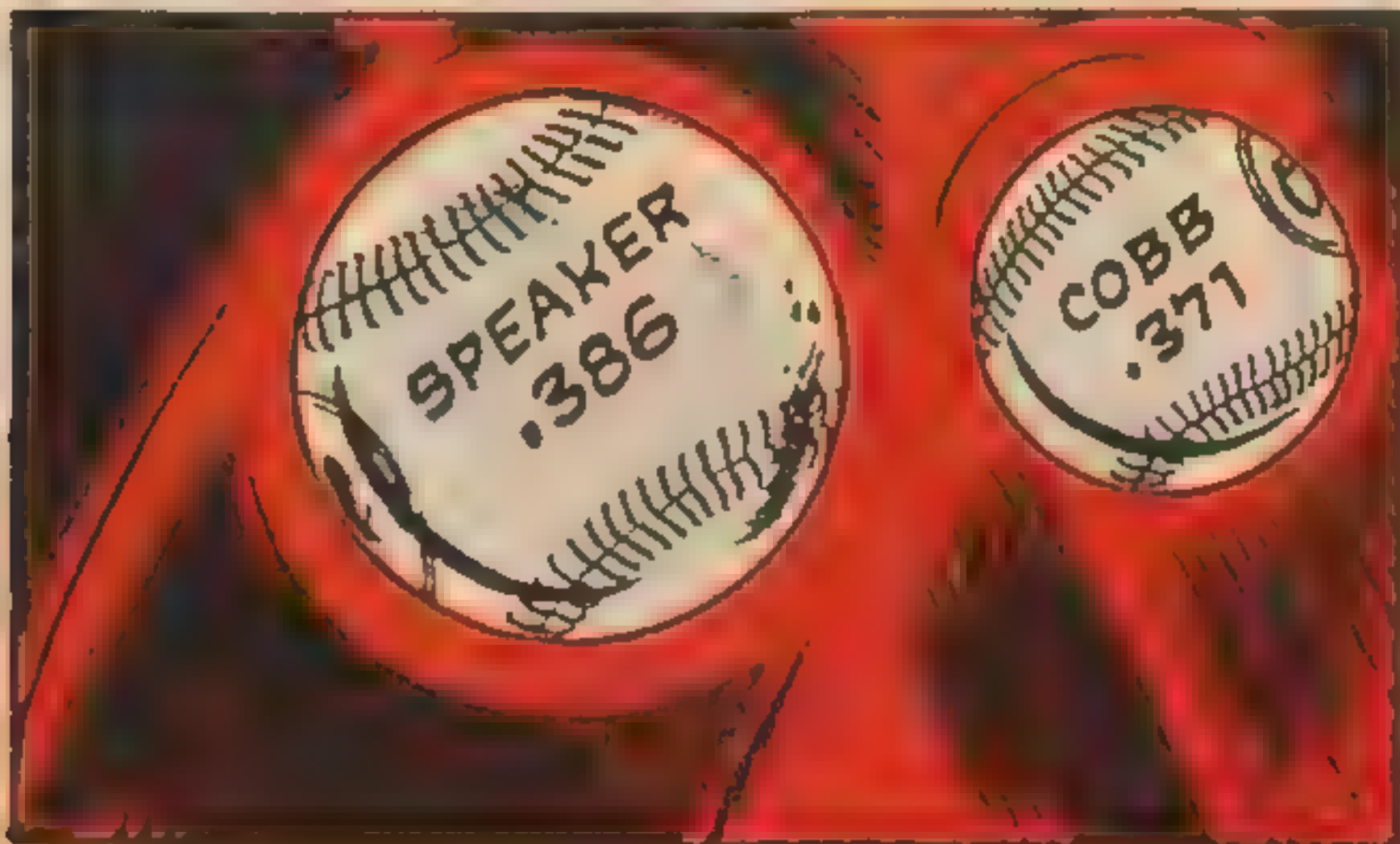
OUT!

WOTTA THROW!



SPEAKER HOLDS THE AMERICAN LEAGUE'S RECORD FOR OUTFIELDERS' ASSISTS IN ONE SEASON, THIRTY-FIVE IN 1909 AND 1912! HE MADE 461 ASSISTS DURING HIS BIG LEAGUE CAREER!

But FOR TY COBB, TRIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE GREATEST HITTER OF HIS DAY. IN 1916, TRIS ENDED TY'S STRING OF BATTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NINE! HIS LIFETIME AVERAGE WAS .344!

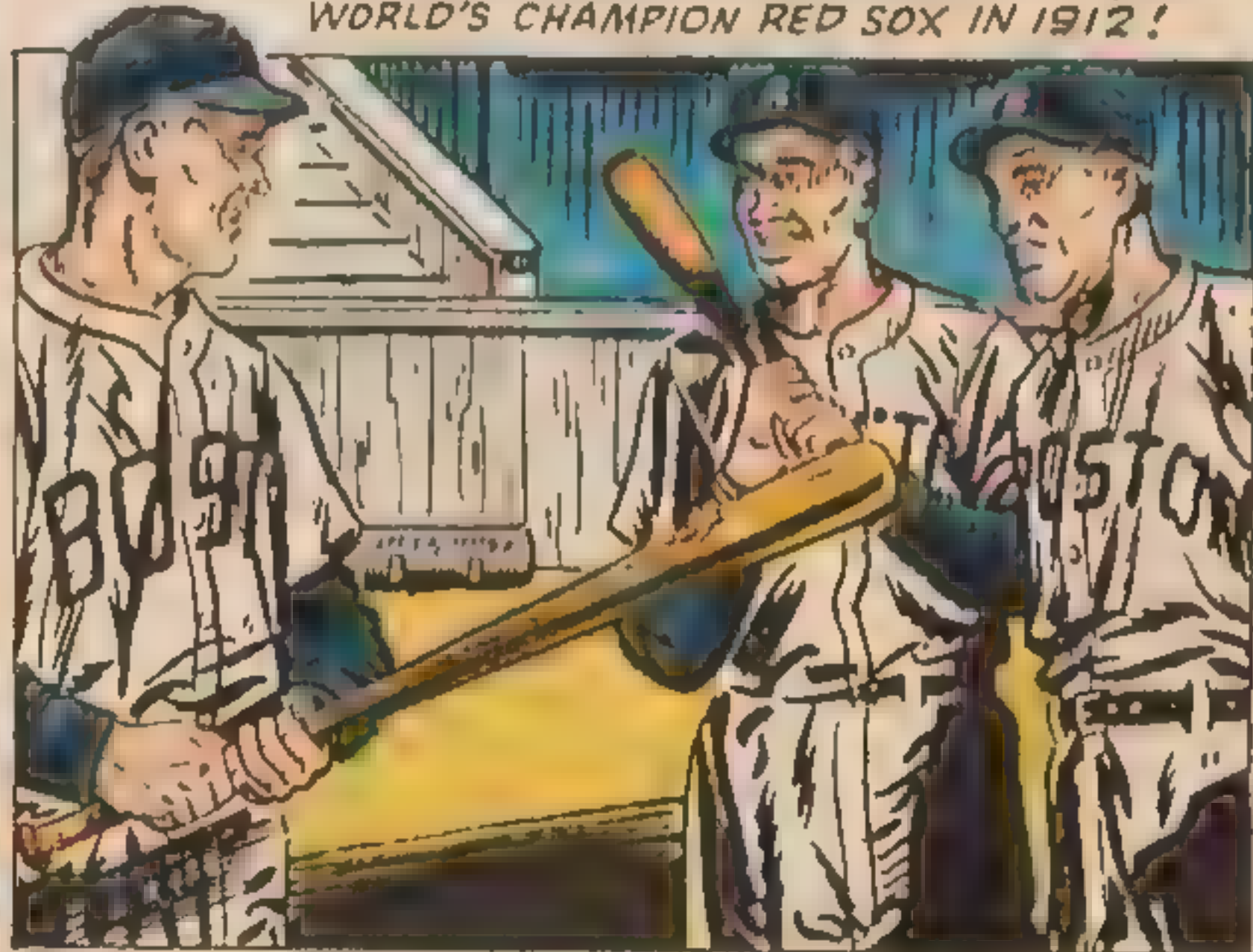


Speaker PLAYED THE SHORTEST CENTERFIELD AND COULD TRAVEL BACK FARTHER THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER IN HISTORY!



SPEEDY "SPOKE" MADE TWO UNASSISTED DOUBLE PLAYS AT SECOND BASE, CATCHING THE BALL AT HIS SHOE-TOPS AND RACING IN TO TAG OUT THE RUNNER!

WITH HARRY HOOPER AND DUFFY LEWIS, TRIS COMPLETED THE GREATEST ALL-TIME DEFENSIVE OUTFIELD WITH THE WORLD'S CHAMPION RED SOX IN 1912!



AND IN 1920, PILOTING THE CLEVELAND INDIANS, TRIS BATTED .388 TO GIVE CLEVELAND ITS FIRST WORLD'S TITLE!

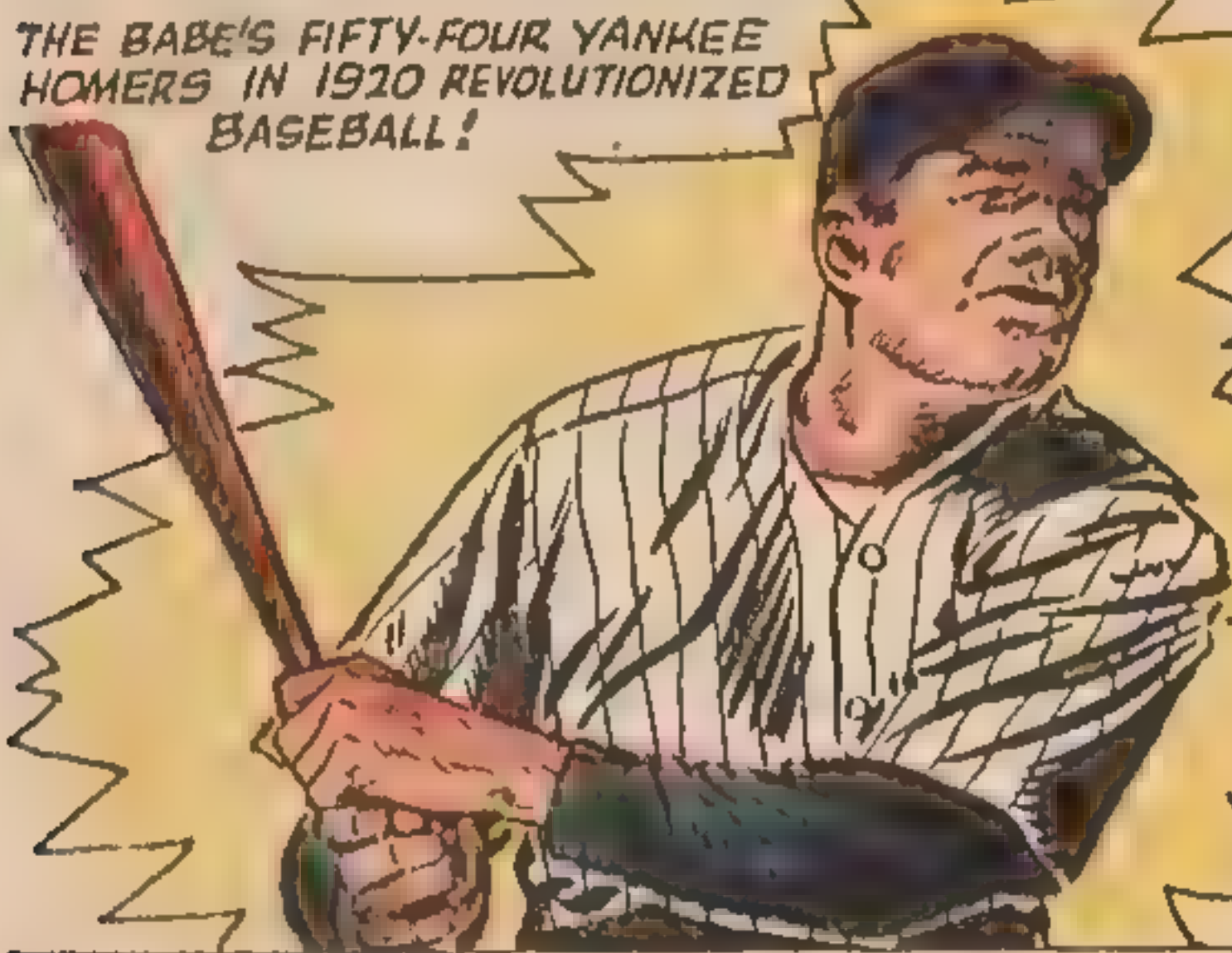


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THE IMMORTAL BAMBINO WAS COBB'S ONLY RIVAL FOR THE TITLE OF **THE GREATEST PLAYER IN BASEBALL HISTORY!** IN THE RECORD BOOKS HE HOLDS FIFTY-FIVE ALL-TIME MARKS!

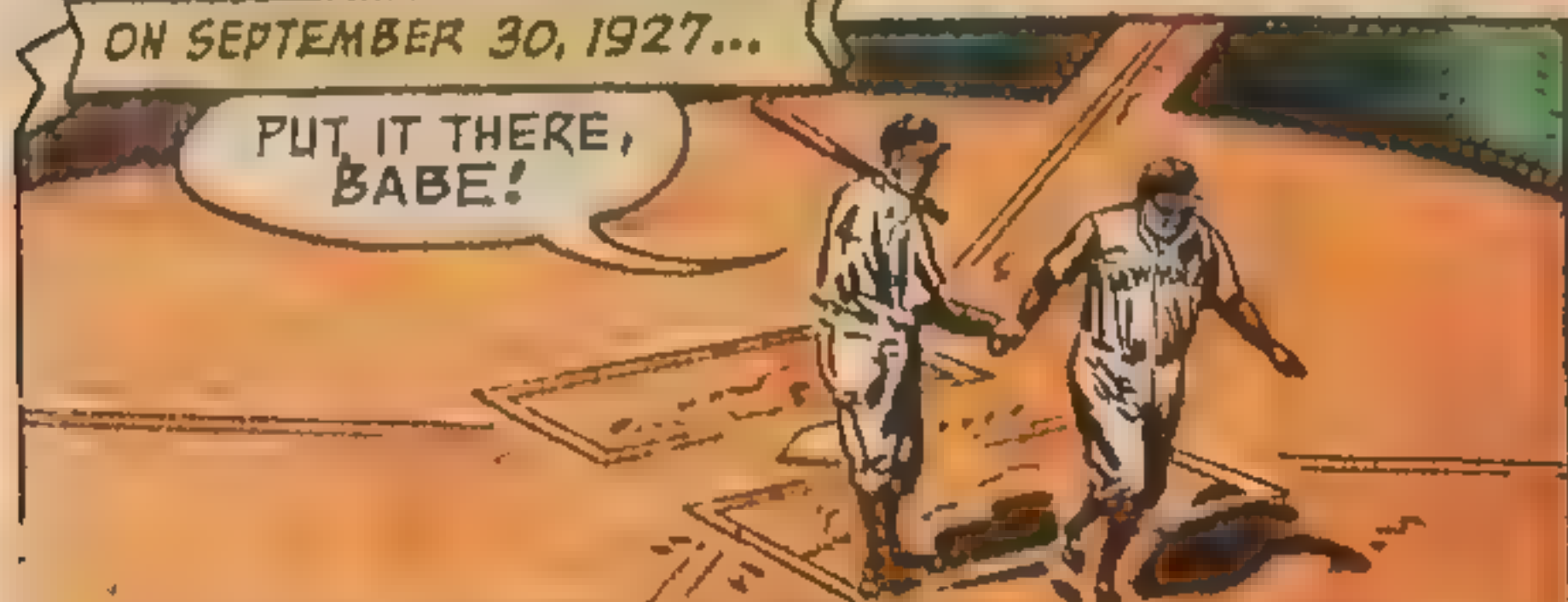
THE BABE'S FIFTY-FOUR YANKEE HOMERS IN 1920 REVOLUTIONIZED BASEBALL!



MAGNATES INTRODUCED THE LIVELY BALL IN THE HOPE OF DEVELOPING RIVALS TO THE BABE, BUT NONE EQUALLED HIM AS A SLUGGER!

ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1927...

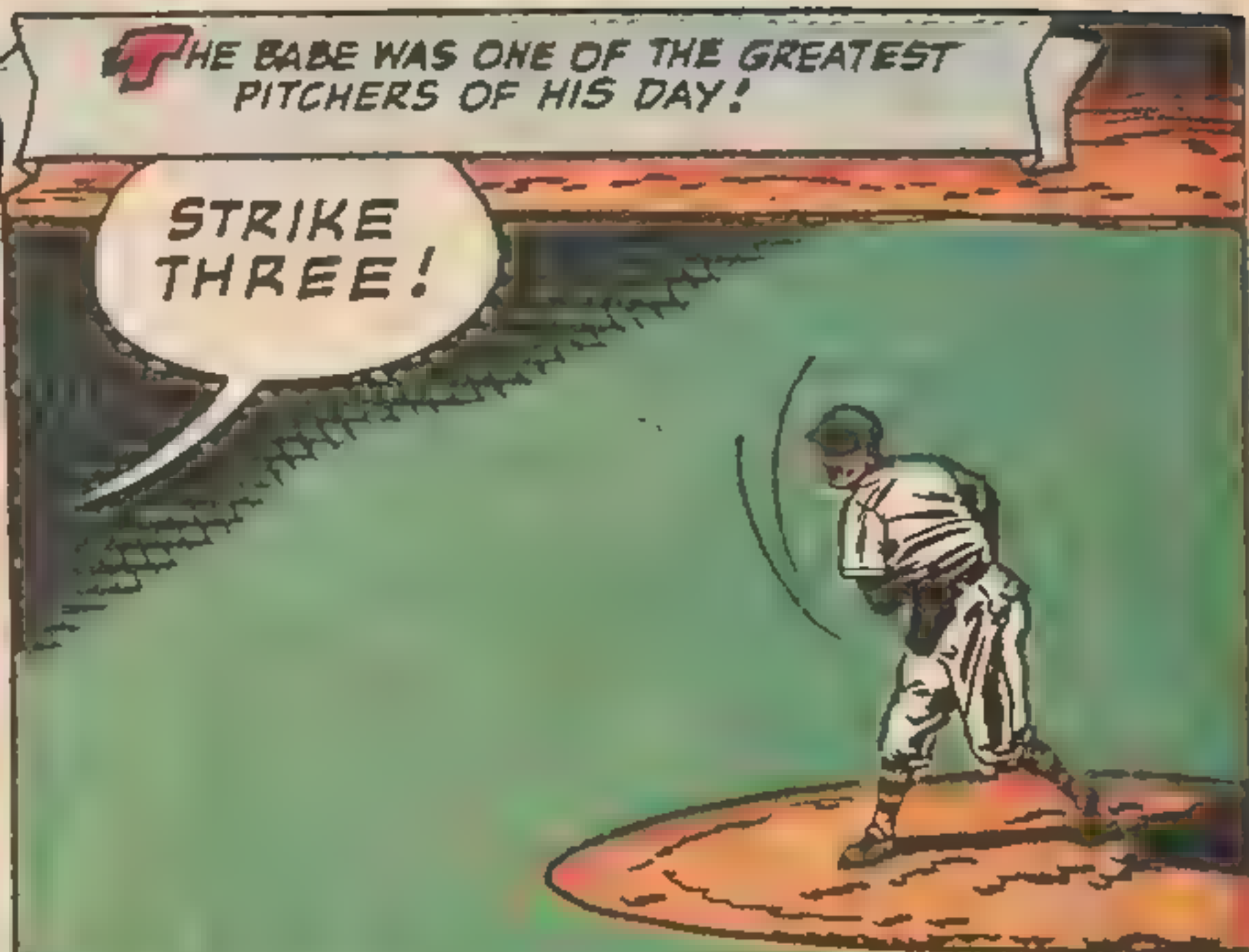
PUT IT THERE, BABE!



...THE BABE SWATTED HIS SIXTIETH HOME RUN OF THE SEASON, A RECORD THAT PROMISES TO STAND FOREVER AS A MONUMENT TO HIS SUPREMACY!

THE BABE WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST PITCHERS OF HIS DAY!

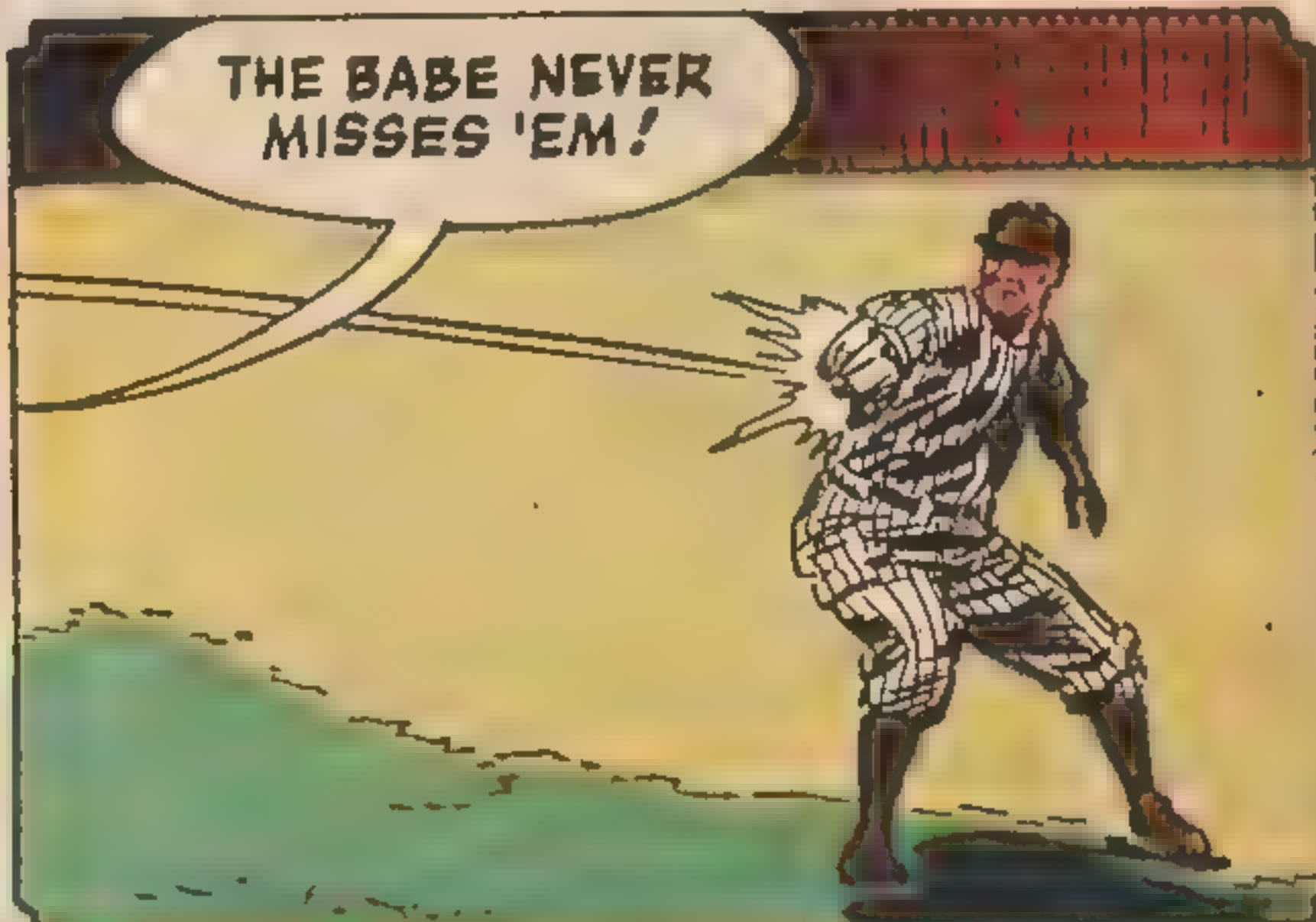
STRIKE THREE!



AS THE RED SOX' SOUTHPAW ACE, THE BABE LED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PITCHERS IN 1915, HIS ROOKIE YEAR, WINNING EIGHTEEN, LOSING SIX! HIS LIFETIME MARK AS A PITCHER WAS NINETY-TWO WON, FORTY-FOUR LOST FOR A .676 AVERAGE! HIS TOTAL EARNED RUN AVERAGE WAS A MIRACULOUS .224!

DESPITE HIS TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN POUNDS, RUTH WAS ONE OF THE SPEEDIEST OUTFIELDERS IN THE GAME!

THE BABE NEVER MISSES 'EM!



BABE USED HIS SPEED AFOOT TO TAKE EXTRA BASES ON LONG HITS! HIS POWERFUL ARM NIPPED MANY RUNNERS ON THE BASES AND AT THE PLATE!

A few Ruth Records!

MOST HOMERS	714
HIGHEST SLUGGING MARK (Season)	.847
HIGHEST SLUGGING MARK (Lifetime)	.690
MOST RUNS BATTED IN	2209
MOST LONG HITS	1356
MOST BASES ON BALLS	2056
MOST STRIKEOUTS	1330

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MEL OTT, MASTER MELVIN!



WHILE THE BABE WAS ROCKING FENCES IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE, TOY-SIZED MEL WITH HIS OFF-BALANCE SWING BEGAN TO BASH HOMERS IN THE NATIONAL. FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL AND WEIGHING ONLY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, LITTLE MELVIN POWERED THE GIANTS TO THREE PENNANTS!

BUT IT WAS AS A POWER HITTER THAT MEL EXCELLED!

CAN'T STOP HIM!

THAT'S TWO HOMERS TODAY!



MEL HIT TWO HOMERS A GAME IN FORTY-NINE GAMES, AN ALL-TIME RECORD! HE HOLDS THIRTY-SIX LEAGUE AND ALL-TIME MARKS IN BATTING AND FIELDING!

MEL REPORTED TO THE POLO GROUNDS IN SEPTEMBER, 1925, AND...

G'WAN AWAY, KID! THIS IS FOR BALL PLAYERS ONLY!

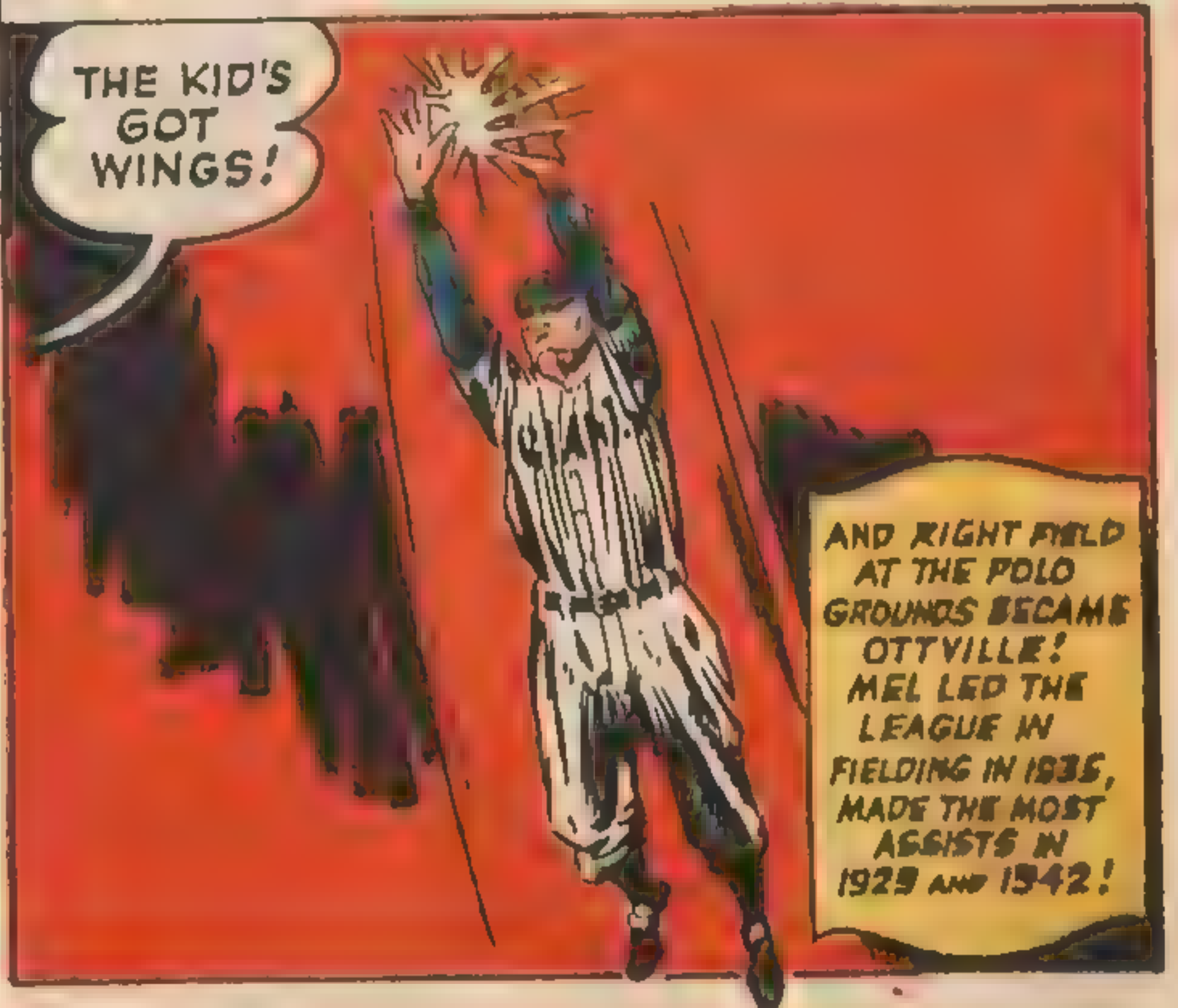
BUT I'M A BALL PLAYER! I WANT TO SEE MR. McGRAW!

DRESSING ROOMS

MEL HAD BEEN A CATCHER IN INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE GAMES IN LOUISIANA.

MANAGER McGRAW CONVERTED MEL INTO A RIGHT FIELDER.

THE KID'S GOT WINGS!



AND RIGHT FIELD AT THE POLO GROUNDS BECAME OTTVILLE! MEL LED THE LEAGUE IN FIELDING IN 1935, MADE THE MOST ASSISTS IN 1929 AND 1942!

MEL SERVED AS GIANT MANAGER FROM 1942 TO 1948!

HIT 'EM IN THE SEATS, BOYS -- AND WE'LL WIN BALL GAMES!



HE IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS SENSATIONAL HOME RUN HITTING TEAM OF 1947--WHICH SOCKED 221 CIRCUIT CLOUDS!

A FEW MEL OTT RECORDS!

HOMERS	511
RUNS SCORED	1859
RBI's	1860
TOTAL BASES	5041
EXTRA BASE HITS	1071
BASES ON BALLS	1708
EXTRA BASES	2165

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The Hall of Fame Batterymen...

BACK IN THE 1880's, HANDLE BAR MOUSTACHES WERE WORN ON THE DIAMOND AND PLAYERS MOVED FROM POSITION TO POSITION FROM DAY TO DAY. BUT IT WAS AS A CATCHER THAT ONE OF BASEBALL'S MOST DURABLE STARS WAS BEST KNOWN!

...JIM O'ROURKE, THE ORATOR!

MAY THE PEARLY GATES OPEN FOR YOU, UMPIRE, FIEND THAT YOU ARE!

SLOW UP, JIM!



BUT THE KING OF OLD-TIME STARS WAS...

MICHAEL J. KELLY,
KING KELLY!

SLIDE, KELLY,
S-L-I-D-E!



COLORFUL KING KELLY, FAMOUS FOR HIS ROWDY BASE RUNNING, HIT .394 FOR BOSTON IN 1887, STEALING EIGHTY-FOUR BASES!

WILLIAM B. EWING,
BUCK!

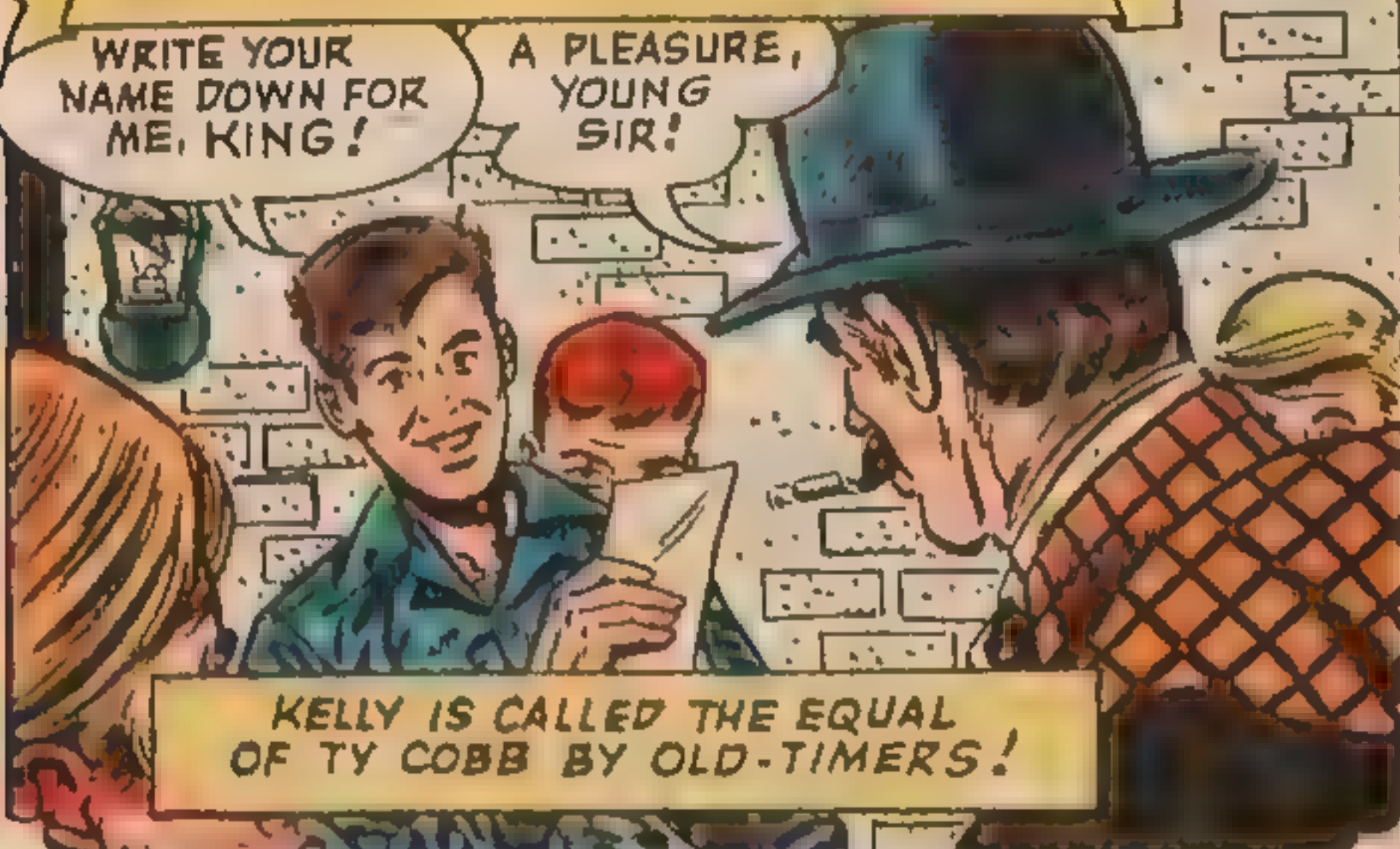


RAILED AS THE GREATEST NINETEENTH CENTURY CATCHER, BUCK EWING CAPTAINED THE NEW YORK GIANTS' FIRST FLAG-WINNERS IN 1888 AND 1889. A GIANT IN STATURE, HE WAS A SPECTACULAR THROWER AND POWER HITTER!

KELLY WAS THE DARLING OF THE FANS!

WRITE YOUR NAME DOWN FOR ME, KING!

A PLEASURE, YOUNG SIR!

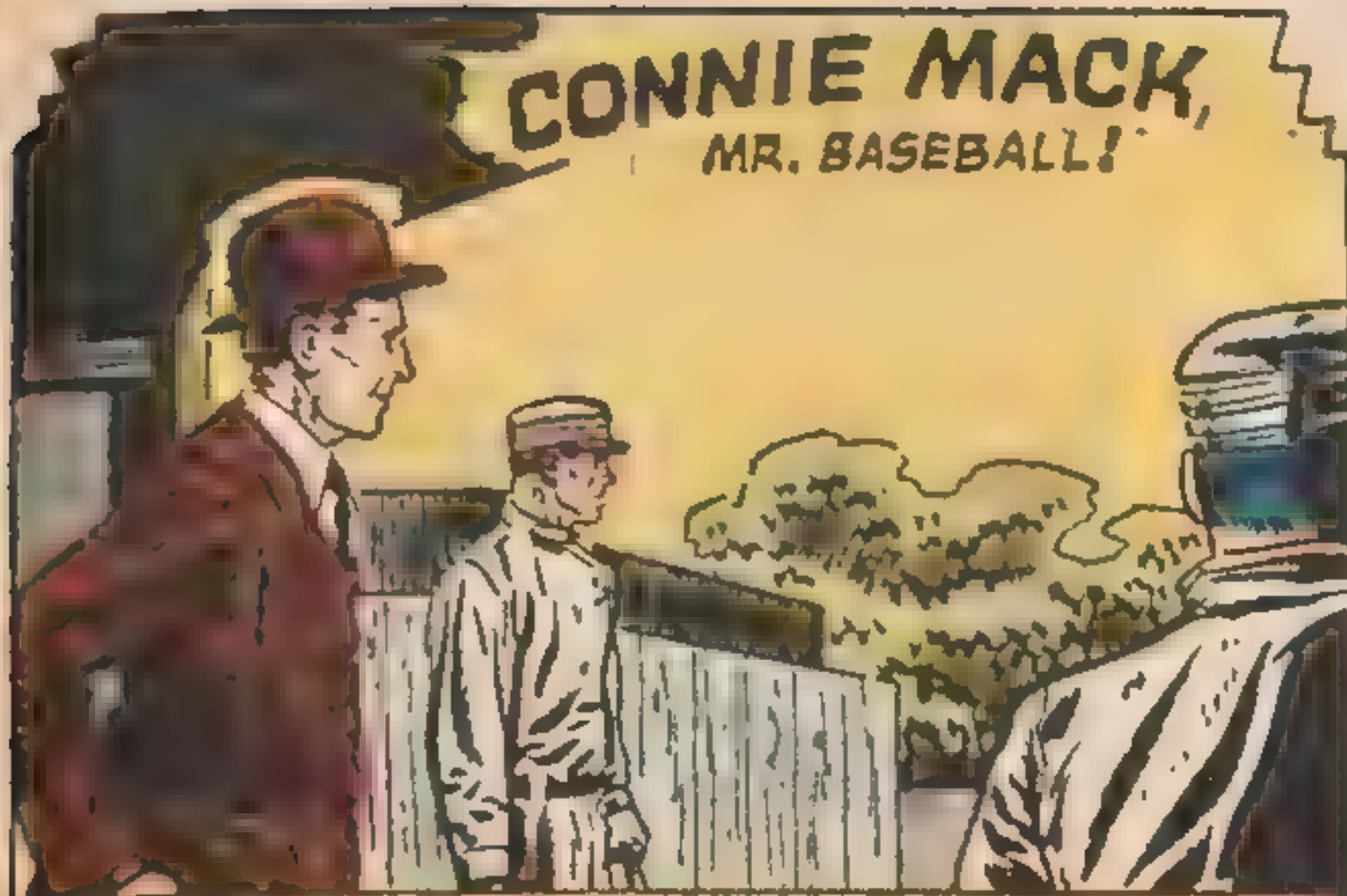


KELLY IS CALLED THE EQUAL OF TY COBB BY OLD-TIMERS!

KING KELLY LIVED LAVISHLY, SPENDING MONEY LIKE A MILLIONAIRE! IN HIS PRIME, FANS HONORED HIM WITH A SPLENDID HORSE AND CARRIAGE. BUT DESPITE HIS 'GAY LIFE OFF THE DIAMOND, KING KELLY THREW OUT MORE RUNNERS THAN ANY OTHER CATCHER AND PLAYED LIKE A DEMON EVERY DAY! AND DURING THE 1890's ANOTHER GREAT CATCHER WAS MAKING HISTORY!

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CONNIE MACK, MR. BASEBALL!



CONNIE WAS CALLED "SLATS" BY HIS TEAMMATES WHEN HE BROKE IN AS A CATCHER WITH WASHINGTON IN 1886. HE WAS SIX FEET FOUR, BUT WEIGHED ONLY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS!

WITH BUFFALO IN 1890 AND AT PITTSBURGH FROM 1891 TO 1895, CONNIE WAS A CANNY-CATCHER WITH A POWERFUL ARM!

WHAT D'YA MEAN BY TIPPING MY BAT, MACK?

PLEASE FORGIVE ME, SIR! ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN!



IN 664 MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES, CONNIE HAD 842 ASSISTS!

BEGINNING AS A MANAGER IN 1894, HE PILOTED THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE'S FIRST CAMPAIGN IN 1901!



CONNIE'S SCORECARD SIGNALS WON NINE PENNANTS AND FOUR WORLD SERIES!

CONNIE DEVELOPED MORE AMERICAN LEAGUE STARS THAN ANY OTHER MANAGER!

MY BOYS!

CHIEF BENDER
EDDIE PLANK
JACK COOMBS
AL SIMMONS
MULE HAAS
MICKEY COCHRANE
LEFTY GROVE
JIMMY FOXX

CONNIE WAS NAMED TO THE HALL OF FAME IN 1937 FOR SERVICES APART FROM PLAYING THE GAME. HE RETIRED IN 1950 AFTER A HALF CENTURY AS A BIG LEAGUE MANAGER!

TODAY, IN HIS NINETIETH YEAR, CONNIE MACK IS THE GRAND OLD MAN OF BASEBALL! HE STILL ATTENDS EVERY GAME THE ATHLETICS PLAY!



DURING CONNIE'S PLAYING DAYS IN THE LATE 1890'S, A SHREWD, LOVABLE YOUNG CATCHER HANDLED THE GREAT PITCHING STAFF OF THE PEERLESS BALTIMORE ORIOLES. HIS NAME WAS...

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WILBERT ROBINSON, UNCLE POBBE!



BALANCE WHEEL OF THE DYNAMIC BALTIMORE ORIOLES, BIG WILBERT ROBINSON MADE SEVEN STRAIGHT HITS ON JUNE 10, 1892, A RECORD WHICH STILL STANDS!

BUT IT WAS AS UNCLE ROBBIE, MANAGER OF BROOKLYN'S FAMED DAFFINESS BOYS, THAT THE LOVABLE OLD BALL PLAYER EARNED HIS GREATEST FAME!

WHY DIDN'TCHA PITCH CADORE TODAY?

WHY DON'TCHA TAKE OLSON OFF SHORT?

OKAY, FANS! YOU PICK THE LINE-UP TOMORROW!



UNCLE ROBBIE WON PENNANTS FOR BROOKLYN IN 1916 AND 1920! MEANWHILE, THE GIANTS, MANAGED BY HIS PAL, JOHN MCGRAW, HAD ANOTHER GREAT CATCHER...

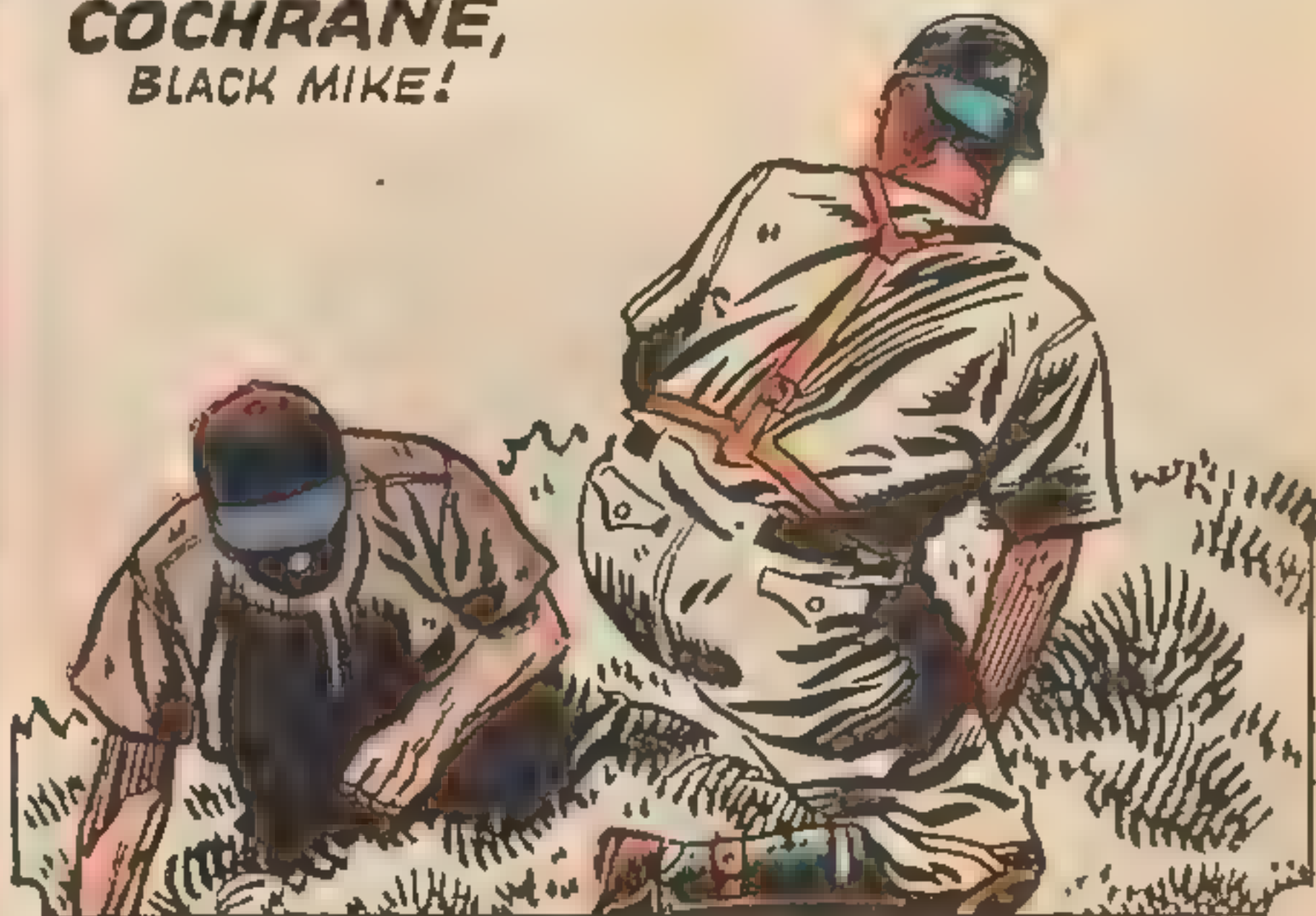
ROGER BRESNAHAN,

THE DUKE OF TRALEE!



FEARLESS RECEIVER OF THE GREAT CHRISTOPHER MATHEWSON, THE DUKE WAS THE FIRST CATCHER TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS: BRESNAHAN PITCHED, PLAYED THIRD, CENTER FIELD, AND THEN CAUGHT FOR THE GIANT CHAMPIONS OF THE 1900'S! HE WAS THE GREATEST MODERN CATCHER UNTIL...

...GORDON COCHRANE, BLACK MIKE!



FAST AS AN INFIELDER, MICKEY WAS THE PHILADELPHIA A'S' LEADOFF MAN AND HANDLED THE FIREBALL SHOTS OF LEFTY GROVE! HIS SAVVY SPARKED THE A'S TO THREE STRAIGHT PENNANTS, 1929-30-31!

MANAGING THE DETROIT TIGERS FROM 1934 TO 1938, HIGH-SPIRITED MICKEY LED HIS CLUB TO TWO FLAGS! HE WAS CONSTANTLY KIDDING OPPOSING PLAYERS!



COME ON, SWEETHEART! TEA'S SERVED AT FOUR!

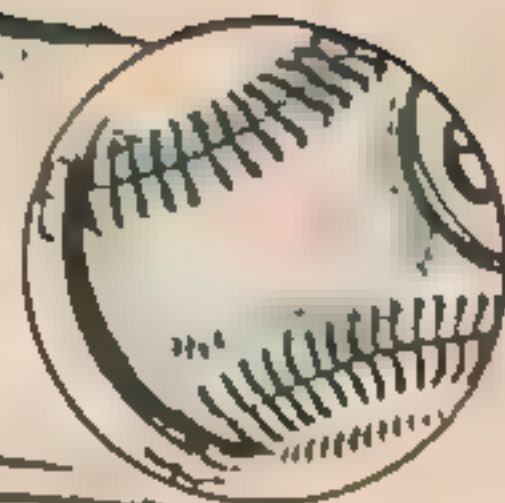
CUT THE KIBBING, MICKEY!

BLACK MIKE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST MANAGERS OF ALL TIME. BUT ON MAY 25, 1937...



...A PITCHED BALL STRUCK MIKE ON THE TEMPLE, FRACTURING HIS SKULL! ONE YEAR LATER HE RETIRED FROM BASEBALL, THE HALL OF FAME CATCHER OF HIS DAY!

THE PITCHERS...



Titans of Baseball!

SUCH WERE THE IRON-MUSCLED, TIRELESS PITCHERS OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AND MORE ...

AL SPALDING, WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON EVERY MODERN BALL; CANDY CUMMINGS, INVENTOR OF THE CURVE. BUT THE GREATEST OLD-TIME HURLER WAS...

...CHARLIE RADBOURNE, THE OLD HOSS!



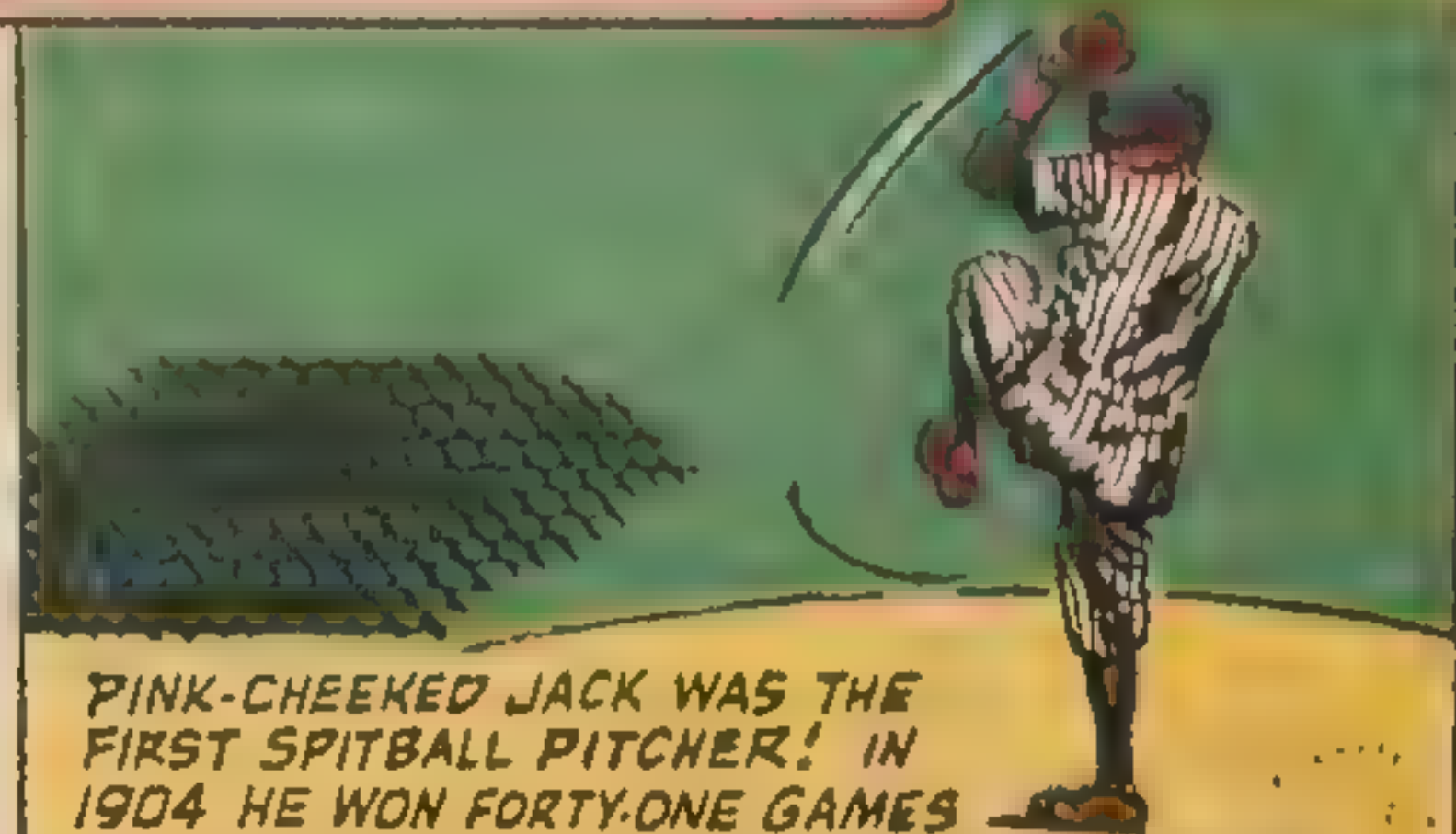
Radbourne won sixty games for Providence in 1884, playing every other position except catcher, too! He hurled the last twenty-seven games of the season, winning twenty-six -- and then won three straight in the World Series!

CHARLIE NICHOLS, THE KID!



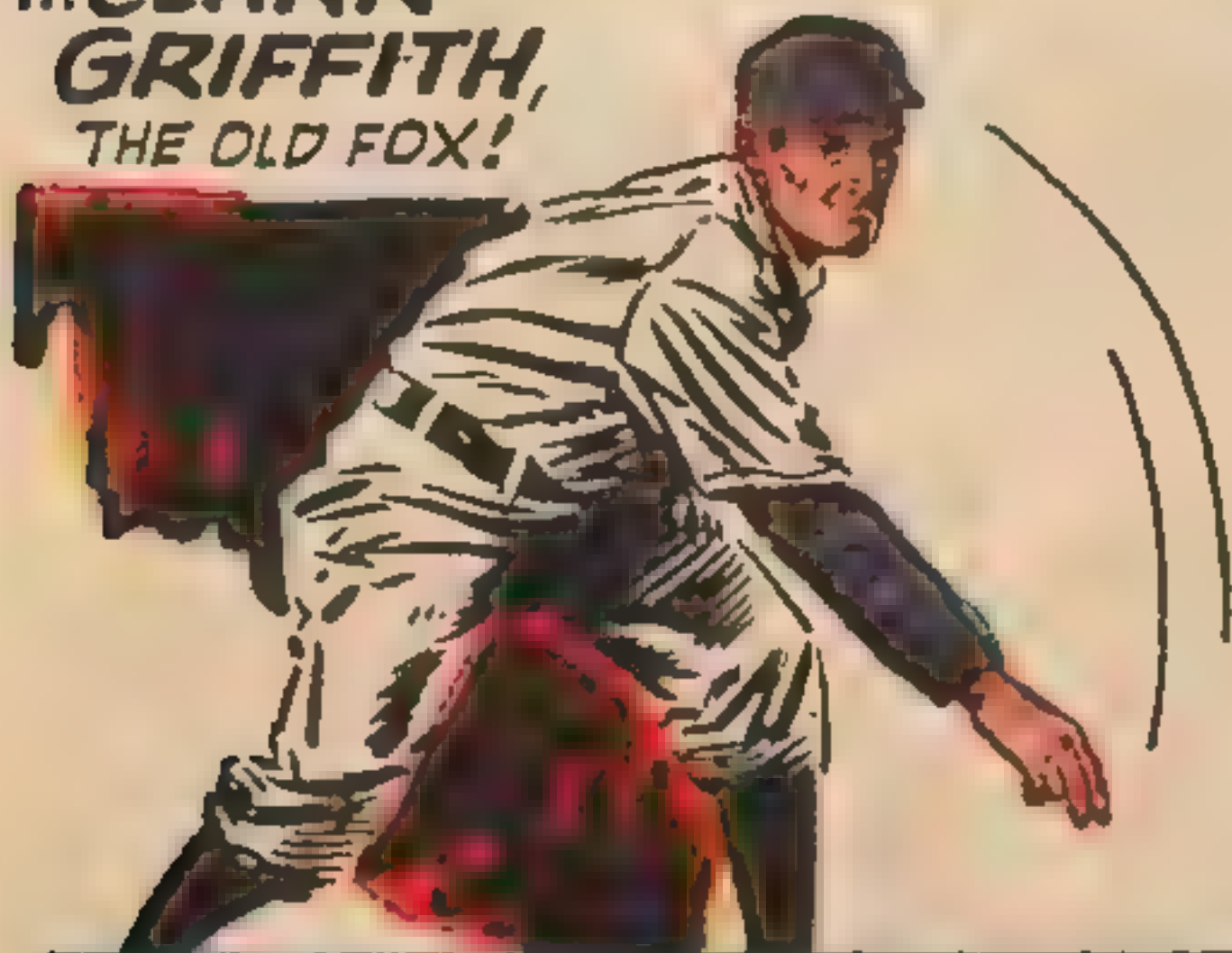
USING THE OLD UNDERHAND DELIVERY, KID NICHOLS WON MORE THAN THIRTY GAMES A SEASON FOR BOSTON BETWEEN 1891 AND 1898! HE IS ONE OF THE FEW PITCHERS TO WIN 300 GAMES IN HIS LIFETIME!

JACK CHESBRO, HAPPY JACK!



PINK-CHEEKED JACK WAS THE FIRST SPITBALL PITCHER! IN 1904 HE WON FORTY-ONE GAMES FOR THE NEW YORK HIGHLANDERS! JACK LED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHERS WITH PITTSBURGH IN 1902 AND THE AMERICAN LEAGUE WITH NEW YORK IN 1904! AT NEW YORK HIS MANAGER WAS...

...CLARK GRIFFITH, THE OLD FOX!



Star CHICAGO PITCHER IN THE 1890's, GRIFF WON 236 GAMES! HE MANAGED WASHINGTON, TOO, AND IN 1920 BECAME THE SENATORS' OWNER!

AND THE OLD FOX, NOW EIGHTY-TWO, IS STILL IN BASEBALL AS THE OWNER OF THE WASHINGTON SENATORS!

PORTERFIELD'S PITCHING, GRIFF!

GOOD, BUCKY!



AND WHEN CLARK GRIFFITH LOOKS BACK OVER THE YEARS, HE REMEMBERS THE MOST DURABLE PITCHER OF ALL TIME...

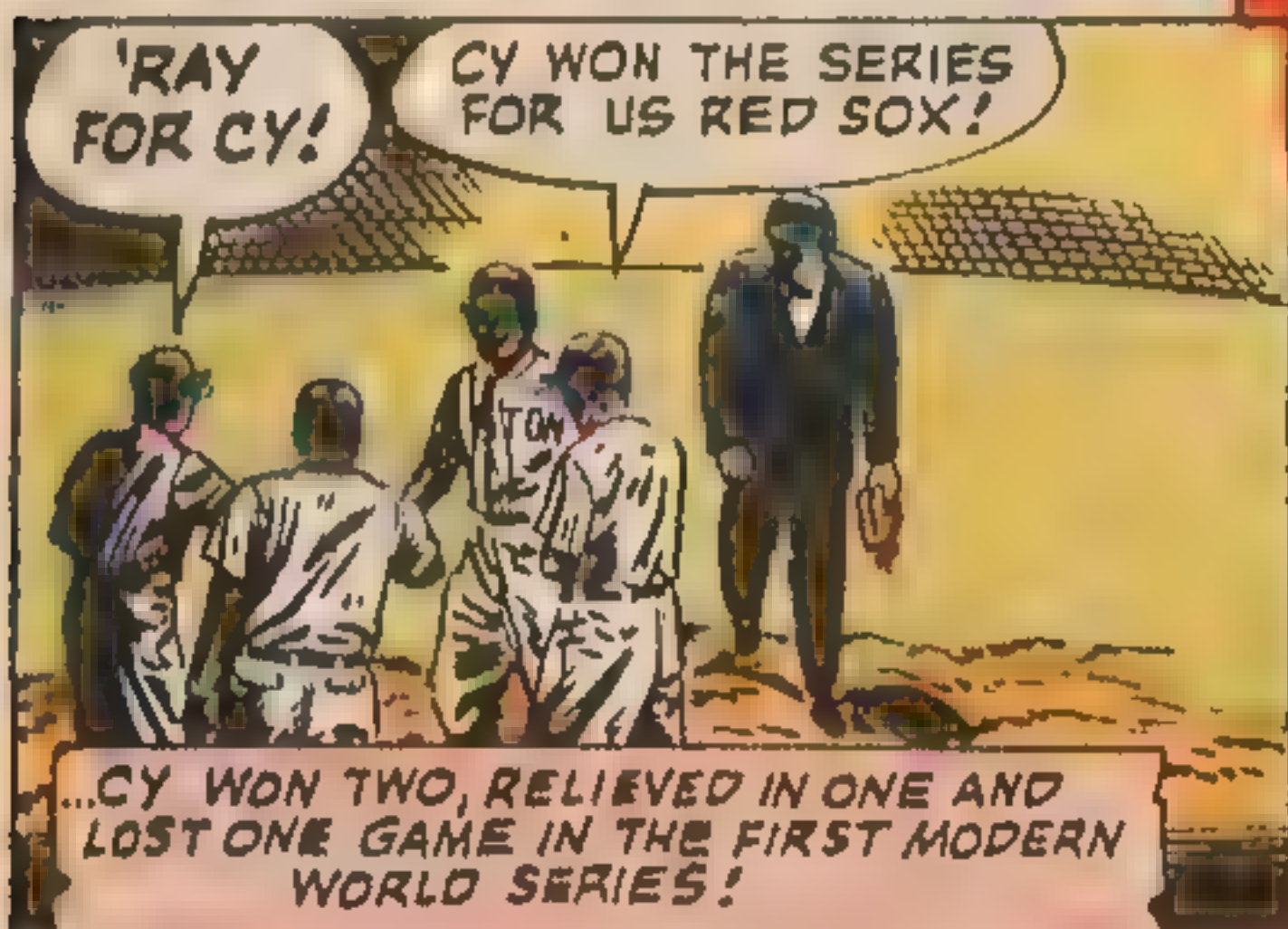
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**...DENTON T. YOUNG,
OLD CY!**



OLD CY YOUNG PITCHED 606 BIG LEAGUE GAMES, WON 511 -- MORE THAN ANY OTHER TWIRLER IN BASEBALL! HIS CAREER COVERED TWENTY-TWO SEASONS, ELEVEN IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE, ELEVEN IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE!

IN 1897, CY WON THREE OF THE FOUR GAMES THE SPIDERS TOOK FROM THE POWERFUL BALTIMORE ORIOLES IN THE TEMPLE CUP SERIES! THEN, IN 1904, AS THE RED SOX FACED THE PIRATES...



'RAY FOR CY!

CY WON THE SERIES FOR US RED SOX!

...CY WON TWO, RELIEVED IN ONE AND LOST ONE GAME IN THE FIRST MODERN WORLD SERIES!

IN 1911, CY LOST A TIGHT 1 TO 0 GAME TO THE ATHLETICS. AFTERWARD, HE SPOKE TO SOX MANAGER PAT DONOVAN ...

I'M QUITTING, PAT! I'M FORTY-FOUR AND TOO FAT TO FIELD BUNTS!

BUT YOUR ARM IS AS GOOD AS EVER, CY!

AND TODAY, AT EIGHTY-FIVE, OLD CY YOUNG INSISTS HE CAN PITCH AS WELL AS "ANY YOUNG FELLER"!

YOUNG CY REPORTED IN 1890 TO THE CLEVELAND SPIDERS!

I HEAR YOU PITCHED A NO-HITTER FOR CANTON, CY. WE'LL SIGN YOU, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO BUY SOME CITY CLOTHES FIRST!

BUT THESE ARE THE CLOTHES I WEAR DOWN ON THE FARM, SIR!



IN HIS FIRST BIG LEAGUE GAME, CY FANNED CAP ANSON TWICE, SHUTTING OUT THE CHICAGO WHITE STOCKINGS WITH THREE HITS!

ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1897, CY BLANKED THE CINCINNATI REDS 6 TO 0 WITHOUT A HIT! BUT ON MAY 5, 1904...

A PERFECT GAME, CY!



...CY WHITEWASHED THE ATHLETICS 3 TO 0, NO MAN REACHING FIRST BASE! AND WHEN HE WAS FORTY-ONE YEARS OLD, ON JUNE 30, 1908, HE NO-HITTED THE NEW YORK HIGHLANDERS 8 TO 0!

SOME CY YOUNG RECORDS!

GAMES PITCHED	906
GAMES WON	510
GAMES LOST	313
AVERAGE	.620
STRIKEOUTS	2819
WALKS	1209

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GEORGE EDWARD WADDELL

THE KUBE



ERRATIC, FUN-LOVING KUBE WADDELL THREW THE FASTEST BALL IN THE 1900'S AS CONNIE MACK'S ACE RIGHTHANDER. HE WON SEVENTY GAMES FOR THE A'S BETWEEN 1902 AND 1905! IN SEVEN SEASONS HE FANNED 1801!

In exhibition games...

COME ON IN, YOU FLYCATCHERS! I DON'T NEED ANY OUTFIELDERS!

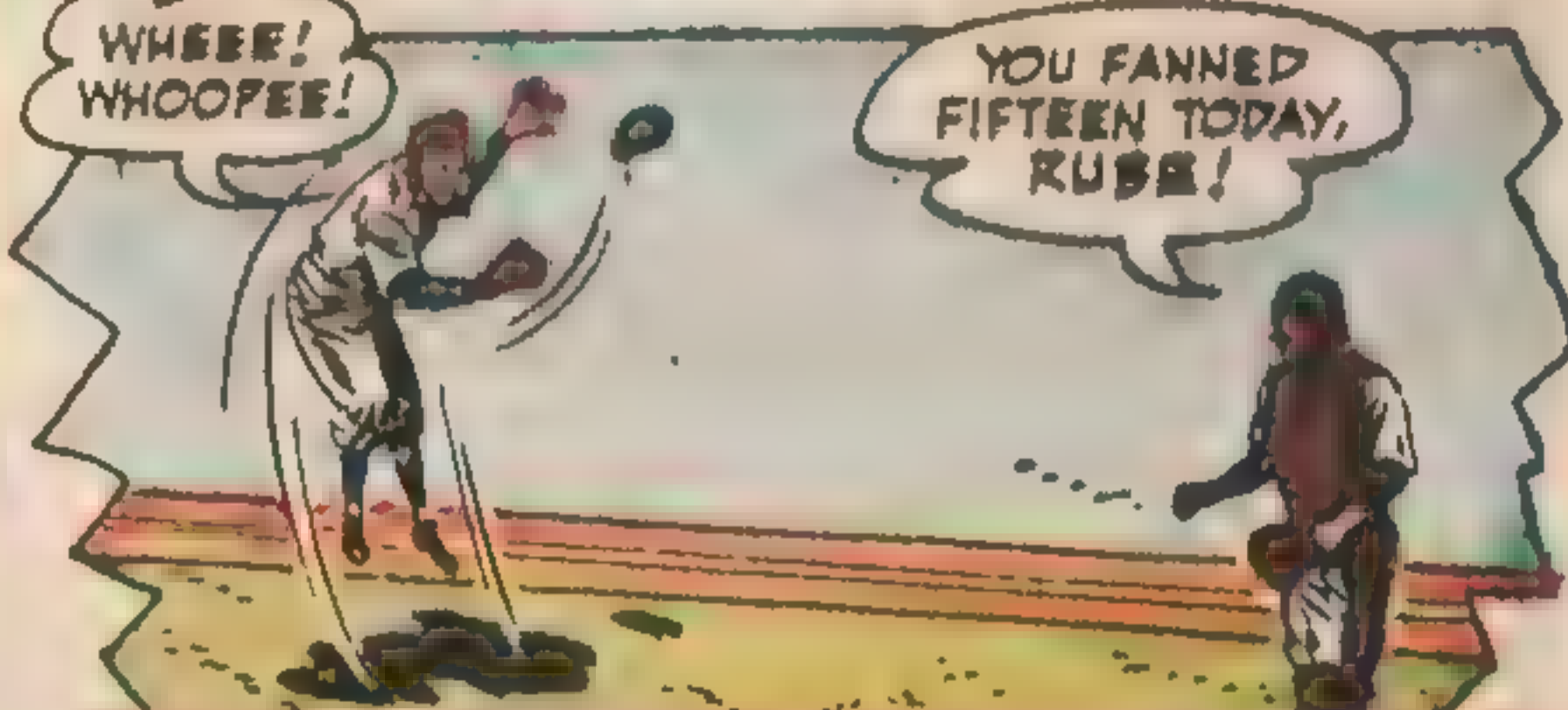
IN 1904, KUBE FANNED 343 IN 377 INNINGS, A RECORD SURPASSED ONLY BY BOB FELLER!



IN 1902, KUBE PITCHED IN EVERY ONE OF A SIX-GAME SERIES WITH DETROIT. AFTER WINNING THE LAST GAME...

WHEEE! WHOOPEE!

YOU FANNED FIFTEEN TODAY, KUBE!



KUBE COULD CONTROL THE BALL BUT NOT HIMSELF! HIS CAREER WAS SHORT BUT MEMORABLE! IN THE MEANTIME, ANOTHER GREAT ATHLETIC PITCHER APPEARED ON THE SCENE...

EDWARD S. PLANK,
GETTYSBURG EDDIE!

EDDIE INVENTED THE HALF-BALK STEP TOWARD FIRST BASE AND HAD PERFECT CONTROL OF MANY FANCY CORKSCREW CURVES!

STRIKE!



EDDIE WAS THE COOLEST, BRAINIEST SOUTHPAW OF HIS DAY! IN NINE SEASONS HE WON MORE THAN NINETEEN GAMES! AND HE SELDOM THREW A FAST BALL!



EDDIE WON 320 GAMES IN SEVENTEEN SEASONS AND HAD AN ERA OF 1.79 IN 1917, HIS LAST YEAR IN THE GAME.. WHEN HE WAS FORTY-THREE!

AND WHILE EDDIE WAS BAMBOOZLING BATTERS, A GIANTIC COAL MINER FROM PENNSYLVANIA JOINED THE WHITE SOX PITCHING STAFF...

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... **EDWARD A. WALSH,**
BIG ED!



HERCULEAN ED, THROWING FOUR SPITTERS TO EVERY FAST BALL, APPEARED IN SIXTY-SIX GAMES IN 1908 --AND WON FORTY! IN SEVEN SEASONS HE WON ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE GAMES, LOSING ONLY NINETY-SIX!

DAY AFTER DAY IN 1908, MANAGER FIELDER JONES APPEALED TO ED!

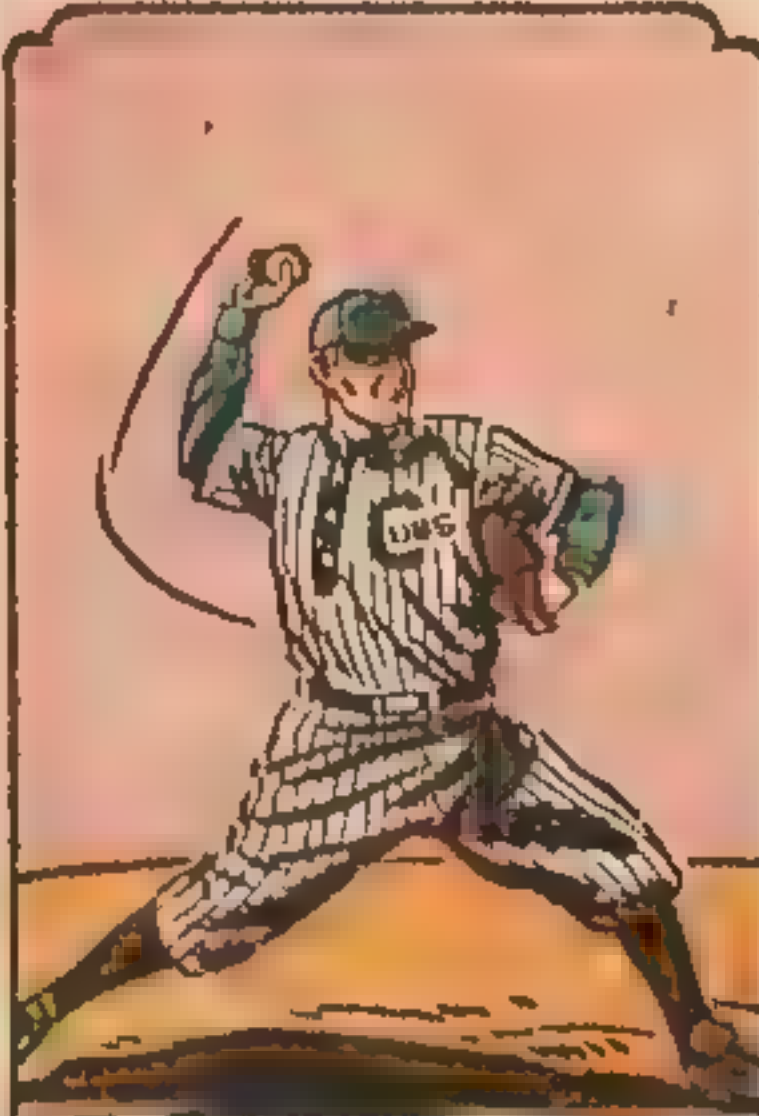
YOU WON YESTERDAY, ED. CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN TODAY?

I'M READY EVERY DAY, FIELDER!



BIG ED COMPLETED FIFTY-TWO GAMES THAT YEAR, MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE SOX SCHEDULE! TO CHICAGO FANS ED'S ONLY RIVAL WAS THE CUBS' GREAT RIGHTHANDER...

... **MORDECAI BROWN,**
THREE-FINGERED BROWNIE!



IN CHILDHOOD, BROWN LOST PART OF HIS INDEX FINGER AND HIS CURVE BALL BROKE WITH A BAFFLING SPIN. BORN WITH THE HEART OF A TIGER, HE PITCHED THE CUBS TO FOUR FLAGS AND TWO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!

ON OCTOBER 17, 1906, BIG ED PITCHED ONE OF THE GREATEST WORLD SERIES GAMES OF ALL TIME!

I FANNED TWELVE, TOO!

	R	H	E
WHITE SOX	3	4	0
CUBS	0	2	0

WALSH'S TRIUMPH HELPED THE SOX HITLESS WONDERS LICK THE THUNDEROUS POWERHITTING CUBS!

PITCHING DUELS FEATURED GIANT-CUB GAMES FROM 1904 TO 1912!

BROWN PITCHING FOR CHICAGO! MATHEWSON FOR NEW YORK!

HERE WE GO AGAIN, MATTY!

YOU'RE TOUGH, BROWNIE!



BROWN LICKED THE GIANT MASTER THIRTEEN TIMES, LOST ELEVEN! HE WAS AS FINE A FIELDER AS A PITCHER!

A FEW BROWN RECORDS!

AVERAGED 42 GAMES A SEASON IN 16 YEARS! WON 148, LOST ONLY 55 BETWEEN 1906 AND 1911! PITCHED 52 SHUTOUTS, THREE STRAIGHT IN WORLD SERIES! AND ALWAYS PITCHED KEY GAMES!

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JOE McGINNITY, THE IRON MAN!

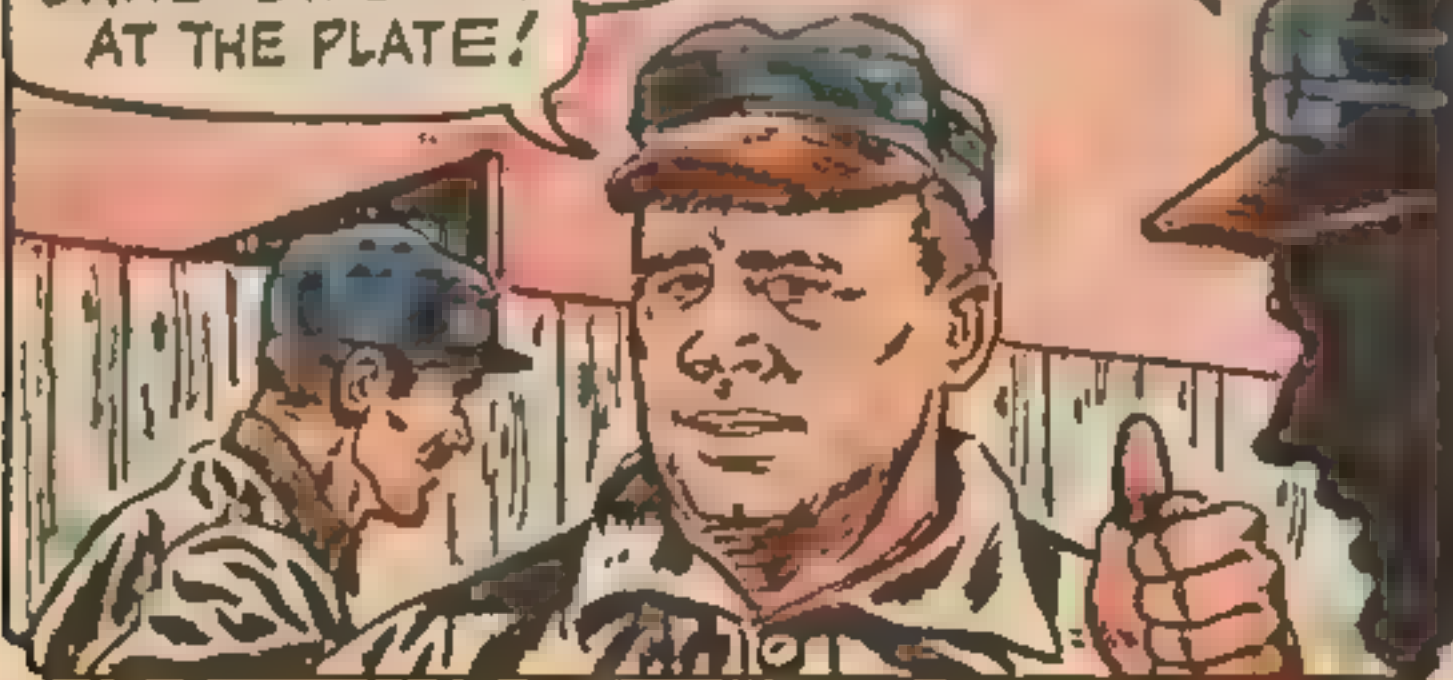


IRON MAN JOE, MASTER OF THE UNDERHAND CURVE, PITCHED THREE DOUBLE HEADERS AND WON ALL SIX GAMES DURING ONE MONTH, AUGUST, 1903! JOE CALLED HIS CURVE BALL "OLD SAL"!

JOE PLAYED ON THE SENSATIONAL BALTIMORE ORIOLES IN THE 1890'S. HE WAS JOHN MCGRAW'S PAL!

YOU MOW THE BATTERS DOWN, JOE, AND WILLIE KEELER, HUGHIE JENNINGS AND ME'LL DRIVE 'EM CRAZY AT THE PLATE!

LEMME AT 'EM, JOHN!



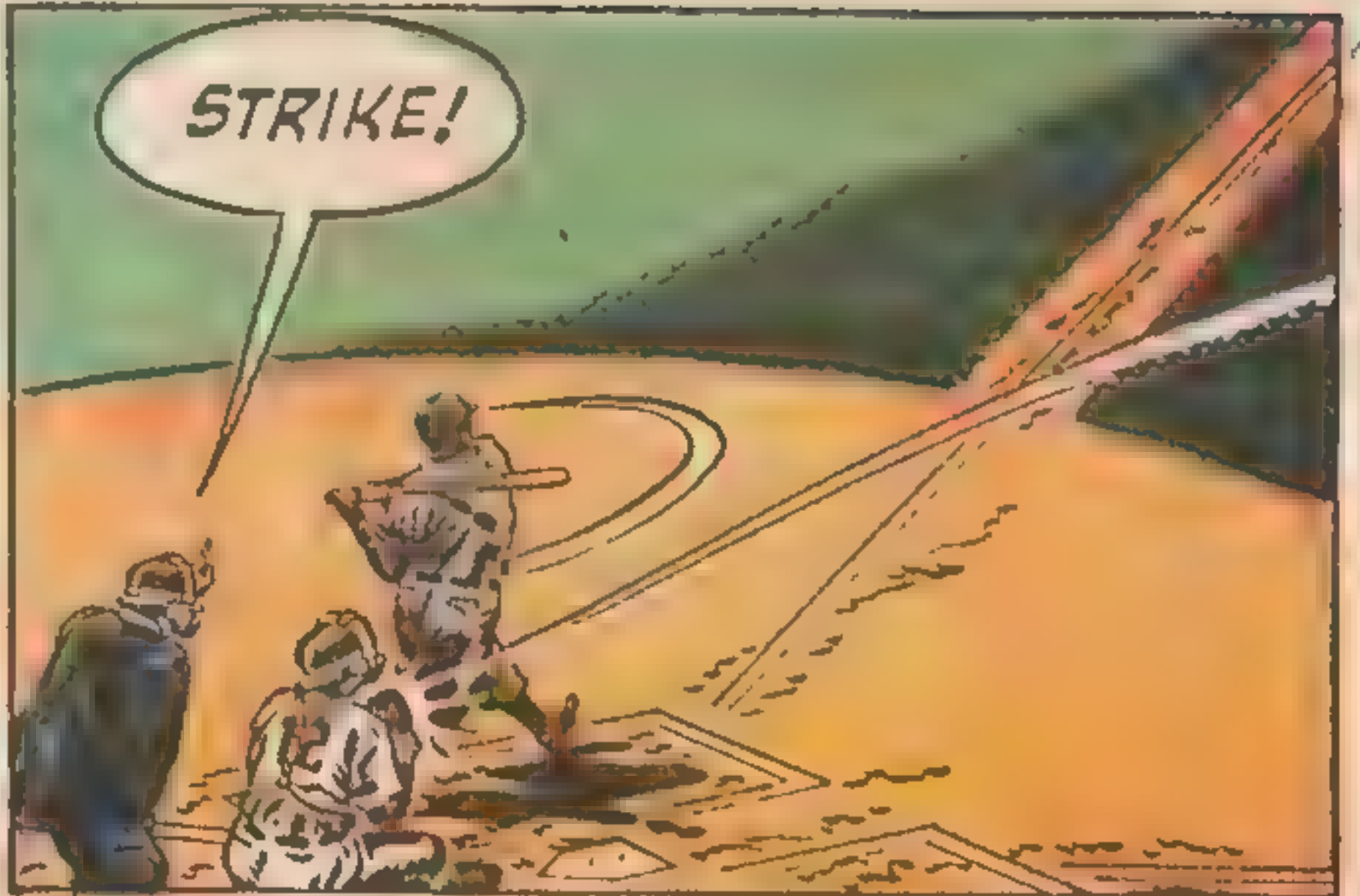
MCGINNITY WON TWENTY-SEVEN GAMES IN HIS ROOKIE YEAR -- STILL A RECORD!

BUT IT WAS WITH THE GIANTS, UNDER MANAGER JOHN MCGRAW, THAT THE IRON MAN PERFORMED HIS GREATEST FEATS OF SUPERHUMAN ENDURANCE!



IN 1903, JOE WON THIRTY-ONE GAMES, LOST TWENTY! IN 1904, HE BLAZED THE WAY TO A GIANT PENNANT WITH THIRTY-FIVE WINS AND ONLY EIGHT LOSSES! HIS RECORD FOR INNINGS PITCHED IN ONE SEASON STILL STANDS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE - 434!

STRIKE!



MCGINNITY THREW THE ONLY "UP-CURVE" IN BASEBALL HISTORY! HE HAD SUCH PERFECT CONTROL THAT HIS CATCHERS SELDOM USED SIGNS!

JOE FOLLOWED ORIOLE MANAGER NED HANLON TO BROOKLYN IN 1900!

MCGINNITY PITCHING FOR BROOKLYN!

HEY, JOE PITCHED YESTERDAY AND THE DAY BEFORE!



JOE WON FIVE GAMES IN SIX DAYS FOR THE SUPERBAS, TRIUMPHED IN THIRTY THAT SEASON TO GIVE BROOKLYN THE FLAG!

THE IRON MAN PITCHED ON UNTIL 1925 WHEN HE WAS FIFTY-FOUR! AND HE NEVER HAD A SORE ARM!



MCGINNITY WON 245 GAMES IN THE MAJORS, 206 IN THE MINORS! AND WHEN HE WASN'T PITCHING FOR THE GIANTS, ANOTHER SUPER STAR WAS...

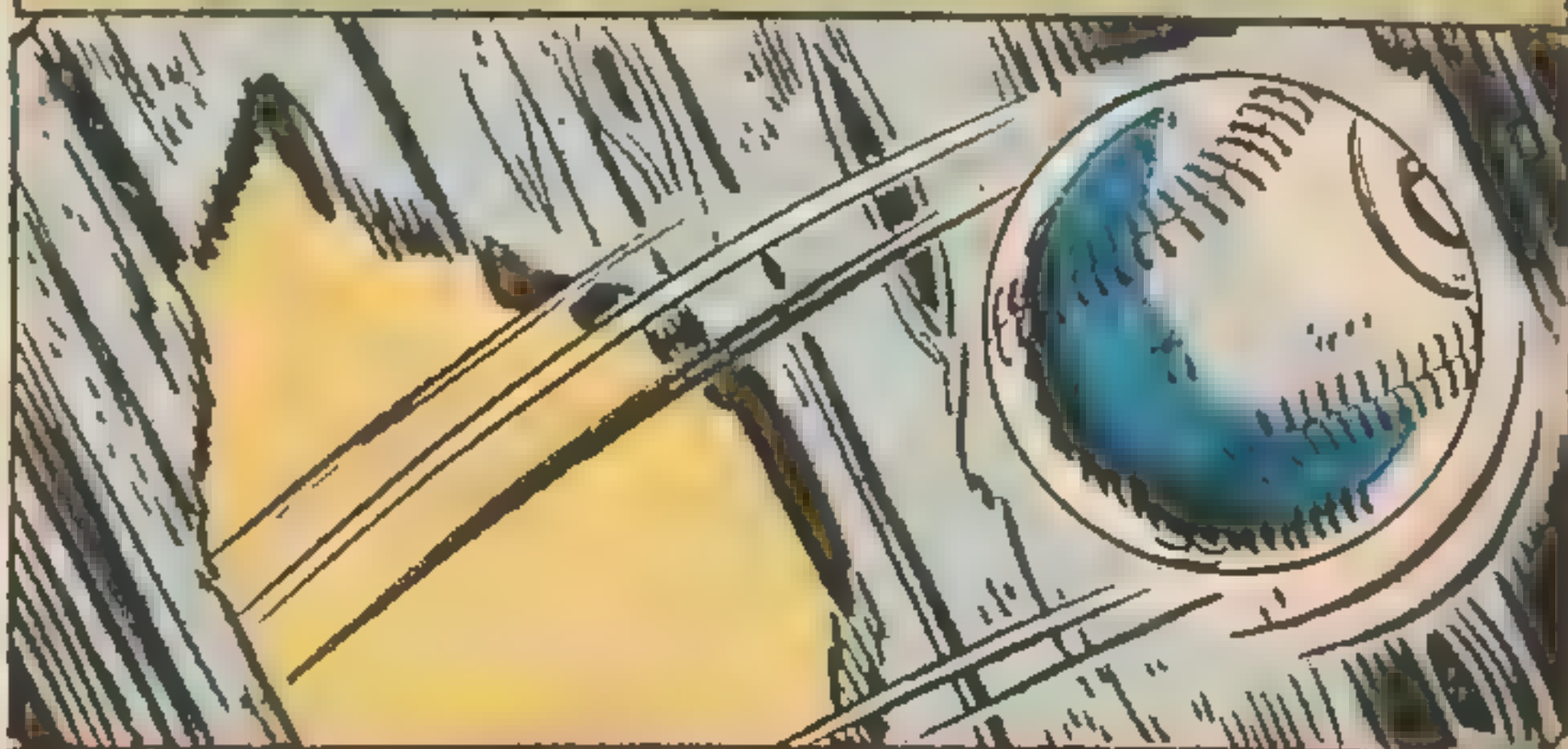
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**MATTY MATHEWSON
AT SIX!**

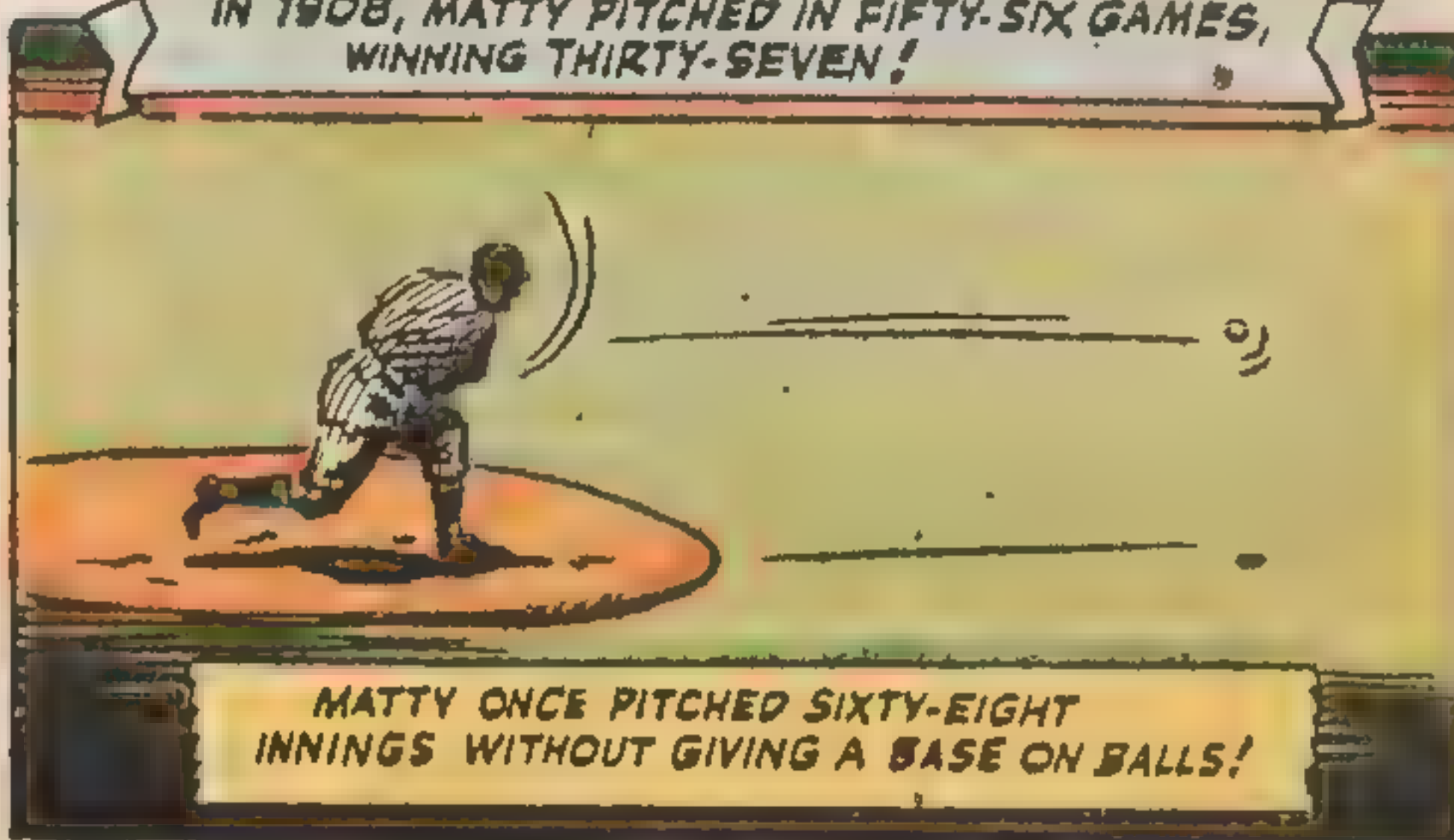
COLLEGE-TRAINED MATTY, GREATEST PITCHER OF HIS ERA, INVENTED THE "FADEAWAY," KNOWN TODAY AS THE "SCREWBALL."

MATTY CONTROLLED THE BALL SO PERFECTLY THAT HE COULD THROW IT THROUGH A KNOTHOLE!



HE WALKED ONLY FORTY-TWO BATTERS IN 416 INNINGS IN 1908! HE WALKED ONLY ONE MAN IN THREE WORLD SERIES' GAMES IN 1905, BLANKING THE ATHLETICS 3 TO 0, 9 TO 0, AND 2 TO 0!

IN 1908, MATTY PITCHED IN FIFTY-SIX GAMES, WINNING THIRTY-SEVEN!



MATTY ONCE PITCHED SIXTY-EIGHT INNINGS WITHOUT GIVING A BASE ON BALLS!

MATTY HAD NO FIREBALL, YET...

**STRIKE
THREE!**



HE FANNED 2505 BATTERS, A RECORD FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE! HIS 267 WHIFFS IN 1903 IS ALSO A LEAGUE RECORD!

MATTY, HERO OF THE BASEBALL WORLD, WAS ALSO A WORLD WAR I HERO!



**MATTY'S
MIRACLE
FEATS!**

WON 37 GAMES IN 1908*

WON 30 OR MORE GAMES
IN 1903 - 1904 - 1905

WON 373 GAMES IN LIFETIME*

PITCHED TWO NO-HITTERS

FANNED 16 ON OCTOBER 3, 1904

FANNED 2505
IN LIFETIME*

* LEAGUE RECORD

BASEBALL HEROES

WALTER JOHNSON, THE BIG TRAIN!



GREAT AS MATHEWSON WAS, SOME SAY THAT WALTER JOHNSON WAS THE GREATEST PITCHER OF ALL TIME! CERTAINLY HE WAS THE FASTEST!

ON SEPTEMBER 4, 5 AND 7, 1908, JOHNSON SHUT OUT THE NEW YORK HIGHLANDERS THREE TIMES IN FOUR DAYS, GIVING ONLY TWELVE HITS IN TWENTY-SEVEN INNINGS! HE WAS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD THEN!



GABBY STREET, WALTER'S CATCHER, SAID HIS CONTROL WAS SO GOOD THAT HE COULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM IN A ROCKING CHAIR!

IN 1924, WALTER PITCHED HIS HEART OUT TO WIN A TWELVE-INNING WORLD SERIES GAME FROM THE GIANTS TO GIVE THE SENATORS THE WORLD'S TITLE!

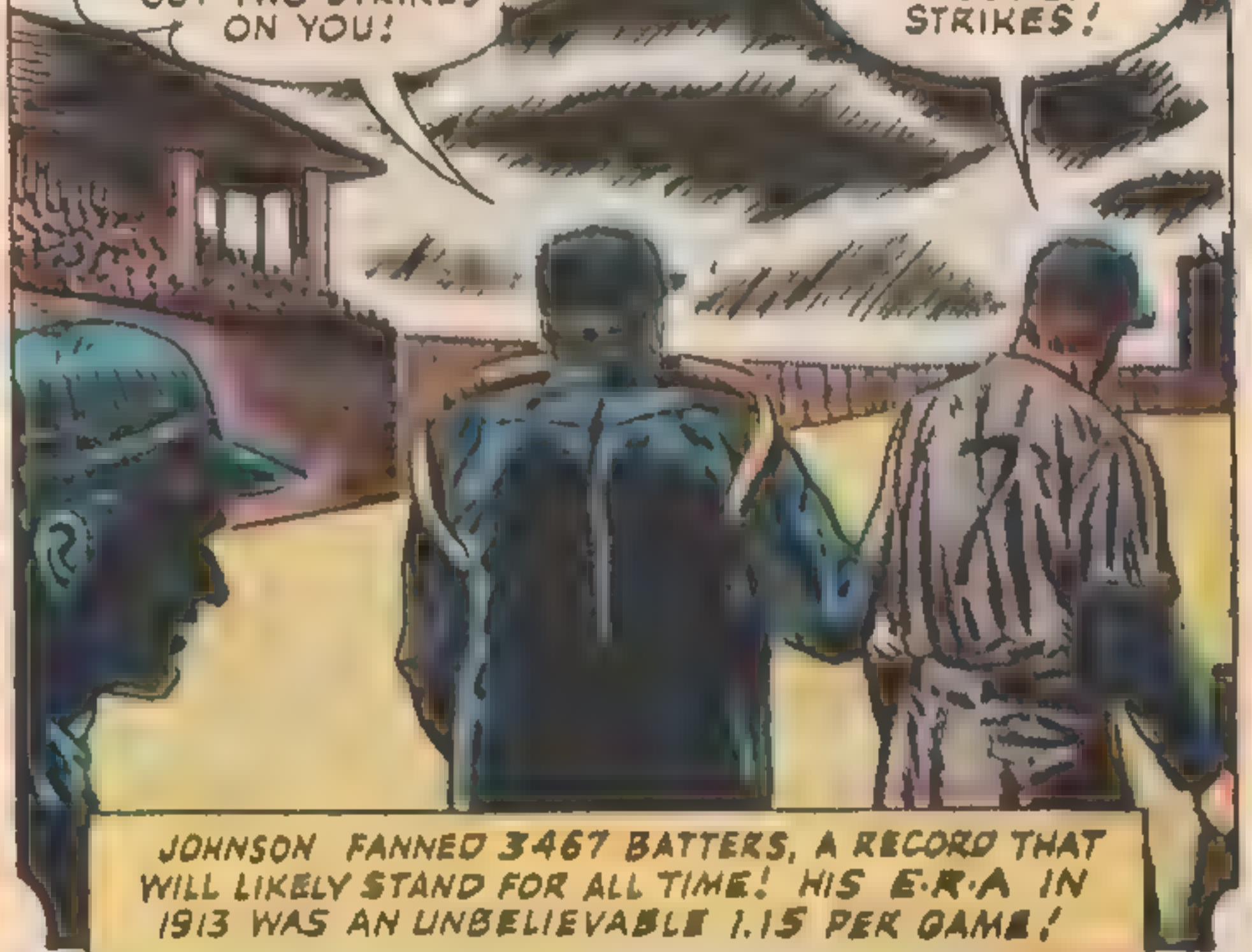


THE SENATORS WON THE 1925 FLAG, THIRTY-SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WALTER CAPTURING TWENTY GAMES! HE WON TWO IN THE WORLD SERIES, BUT LOST THE FINALE!

THE BIG TRAIN WAS SO FAST THAT ON DARK CLOUDY DAYS...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BUD? YOU'VE ONLY GOT TWO STRIKES ON YOU!

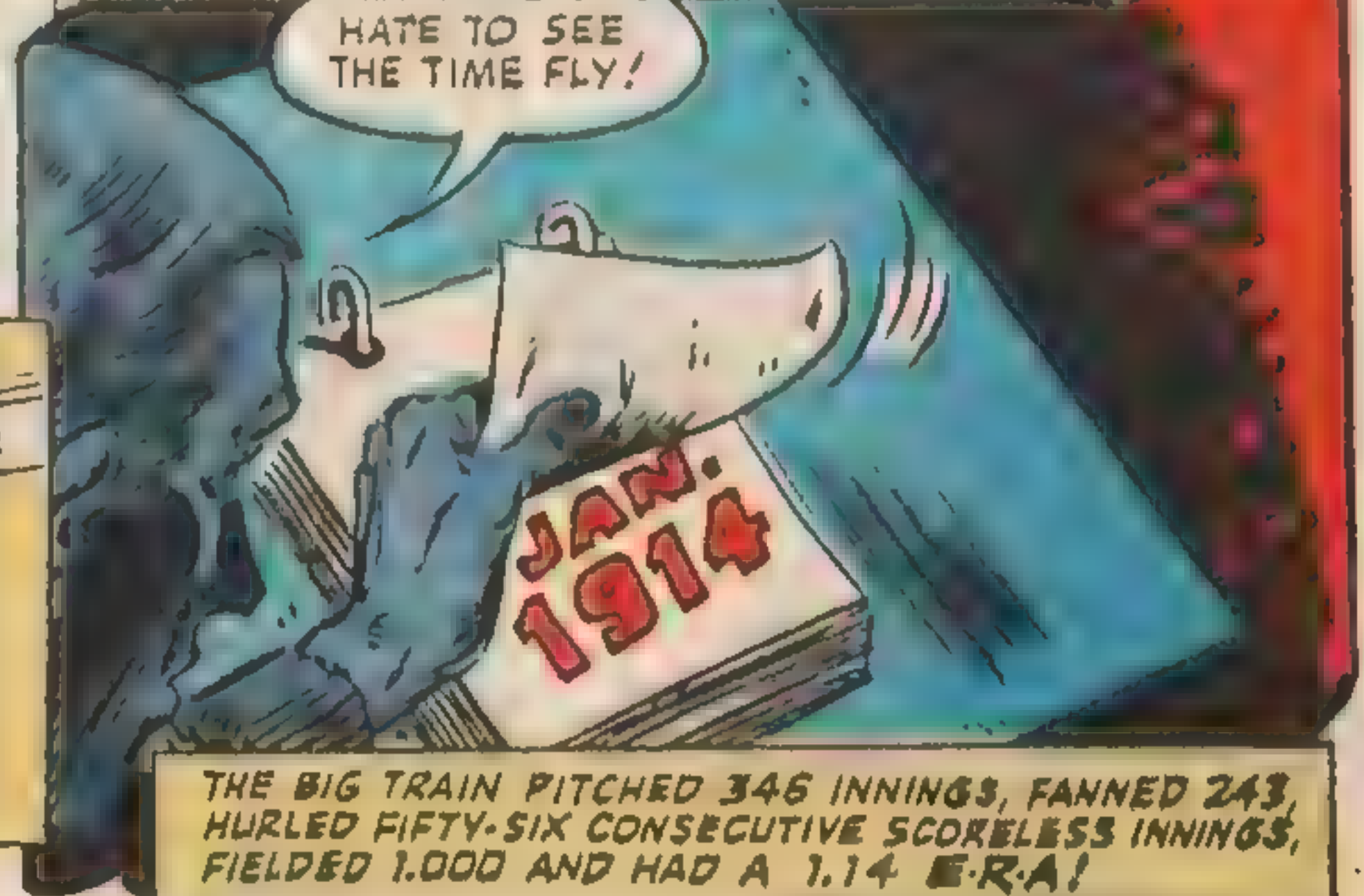
I CAN'T SEE JOHNSON'S FAST BALL! JUST CALL ME OUT ON STRIKES!



JOHNSON FANNED 3467 BATTERS, A RECORD THAT WILL LIKELY STAND FOR ALL TIME! HIS E.R.A. IN 1913 WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE 1.15 PER GAME!

1913 WAS WALTER'S GREATEST YEAR!

HATE TO SEE THE TIME FLY!



THE BIG TRAIN PITCHED 346 INNINGS, FANNED 243, HURLED FIFTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS INNINGS, FIELDIED 1.000 AND HAD A 1.14 E.R.A!

Some JOHNSON RECORDS!

MOST GAMES PITCHED IN LEAGUE	803
MOST GAMES WON IN LEAGUE	413
CONSECUTIVE GAMES WON	16
MOST CONSECUTIVE SHUTOUT INNINGS	56
MOST INNINGS PITCHED	5925
MOST STRIKEOUTS	3427
MOST SHUTOUT GAMES	113

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GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER, OLD PETE!

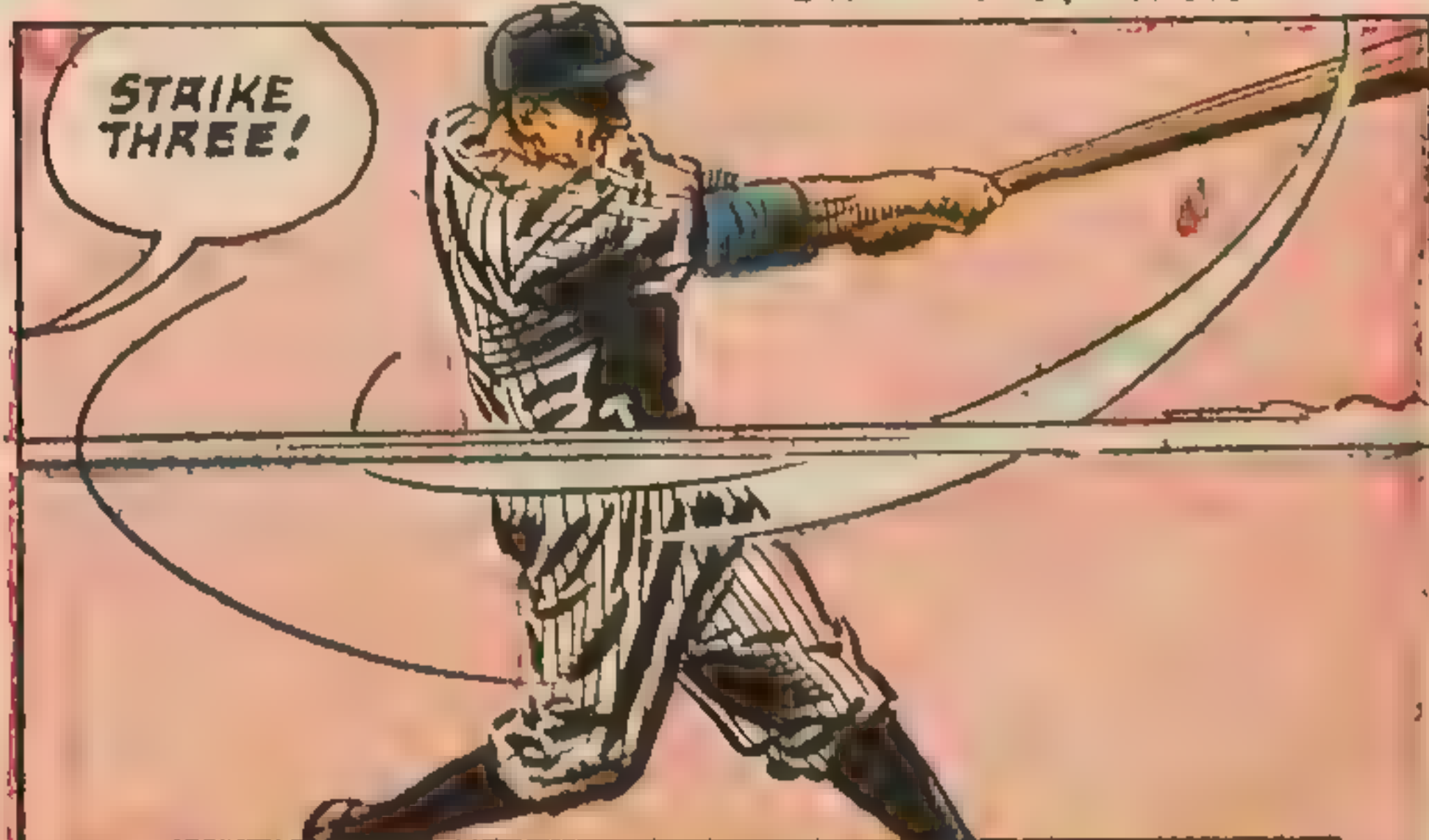


WHILE THE BIG TRAIN WAS ROARING THROUGH THE AMERICAN LEAGUE, ALEXANDER THE GREAT WAS MAKING PITCHING HISTORY IN THE NATIONAL CIRCUIT! FROM 1911 TO 1930 HE COMPILED RECORDS EQUALLED BY NO OTHER MAN!

IN THREE SEASONS (1915-16-17) ALEX WON NINETY-FOUR GAMES, LOST ONLY THIRTY-FIVE! HE LED THE PHILLIES TO THEIR FIRST MODERN FLAGS!



THE OLD MASTER THREW A BALL. LAZZERI NEXT POUNDED A LONG FOUL! THEN A CURVE WAS STRIKE TWO, AND...



...THE CARDS WON, 3 TO 2, IN ONE OF BASEBALL'S MOST THRILLING GAMES!

ALEX' FIRST BIG LEAGUE VICTORY WAS A 1 TO 0 SHUTOUT OVER ANCIENT CY YOUNG, WHO WAS PITCHING HIS LAST BIG LEAGUE GAME IN 1911!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, ALEX, AND YOU'LL BE THE GREATEST PITCHER IN THE LEAGUE!

NOT AS GREAT AS YOU, CY!



ALEX PITCHED A RECORD NINETY SHUTOUTS, SIXTEEN IN 1916! IN HIS FRESHMAN YEAR HE HURLED FOUR STRAIGHT WHITE-WASHINGS!

ALEX TOILED FOR THE CUBS FROM 1918 TO 1926. TRADED THAT SUMMER TO ST. LOUIS, HE TWICE BEAT THE YANKS IN THE WORLD SERIES! IN THE SEVENTH INNING OF THE CRUCIAL SEVENTH GAME, MANAGER HORNSBY SPOKE TO HIM!

THE BASES ARE FULL, LAZZERI'S UP, ALEX! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

DON'T WORRY 'BOUT ME, RAJ! I'LL STRIKE HIM OUT!



A FEW ALEXANDER RECORDS!

GAMES PITCHED	696
INNINGS PITCHED	5189
LOWEST E.R.A.	1.22
SHUTOUTS	90
GAMES WON	373*

* TIED WITH MATHEWSON

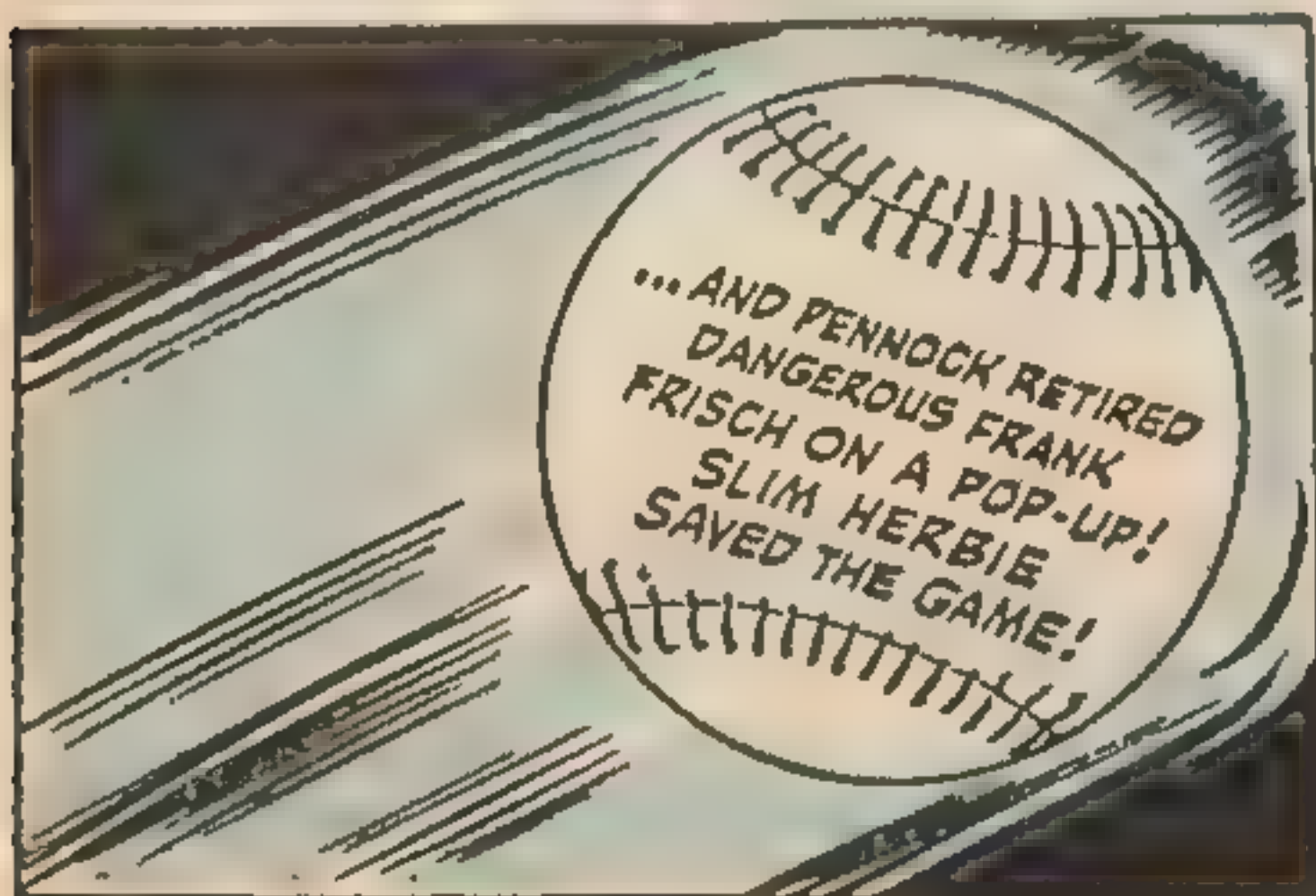
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**HEAD
PENNOCK,
SLIM!**

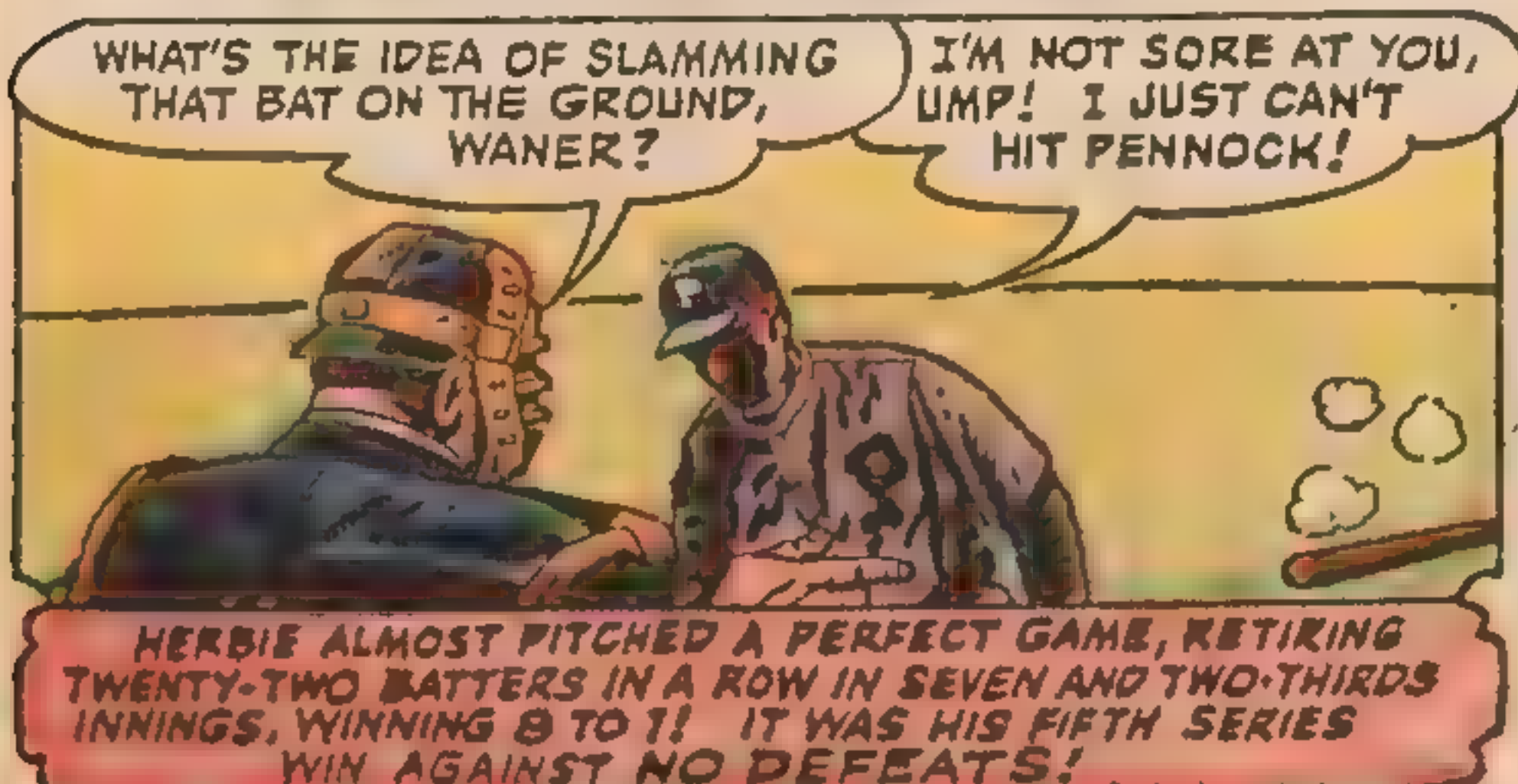


DURING ALEX' YEARS OF GREATNESS, SLENDER HERBIE PENNOCK WAS WHIRLING BASEBALLS PAST AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTERS AS THE SOUTHPAW ACE OF THE RED SOX AND YANKEES! HE WAS THE COOLEST PITCHER UNDER FIRE IN THE GAME!

TRADED TO THE YANKS IN 1923, PENNOCK LICKED THE GIANTS TWICE IN THE SERIES! BUT HIS GREATEST FEAT WAS IN THE FOURTH GAME! THE BASES WERE FILLED AS HE REPLACED SHAWKEY WITH FRANKIE FRISCH UP...



BUT HERBIE'S PITCHING MASTERPIECE WAS THE THIRD GAME OF THE 1927 YANKEE-PIRATE SERIES!



HERB CAME DIRECT FROM PREP SCHOOL TO THE ATHLETICS IN 1912! DURING THE 1914 WORLD SERIES WITH THE BRAVES...

YOU'LL PITCH RELIEF TODAY IF I NEED YOU, HERBIE!

THANKS FOR THE CHANCE, MR. MACK!



AS HIS TEAMMATES FALTERED, TWENTY-YEAR-OLD HERB HELD THE BRAVES TO TWO HITS IN A RELIEF CHORE! IN 1915 HE WAS WAIVED TO BOSTON.

AND IN THE 1926 SERIES AGAINST HORNSBY'S RAMPAGING CARDINALS...

EASY TAP, RAJAH!

I NEVER COULD HIT YOU, HERBIE!



...HERB PITCHED TWO THREE-HITTERS WINNING 2 TO 1 AND 3 TO 2 IN TEN INNINGS!

A few PENNOCK RECORDS!

TIED CY YOUNG AND SAM JONES -- 22 BIG LEAGUE YEARS!

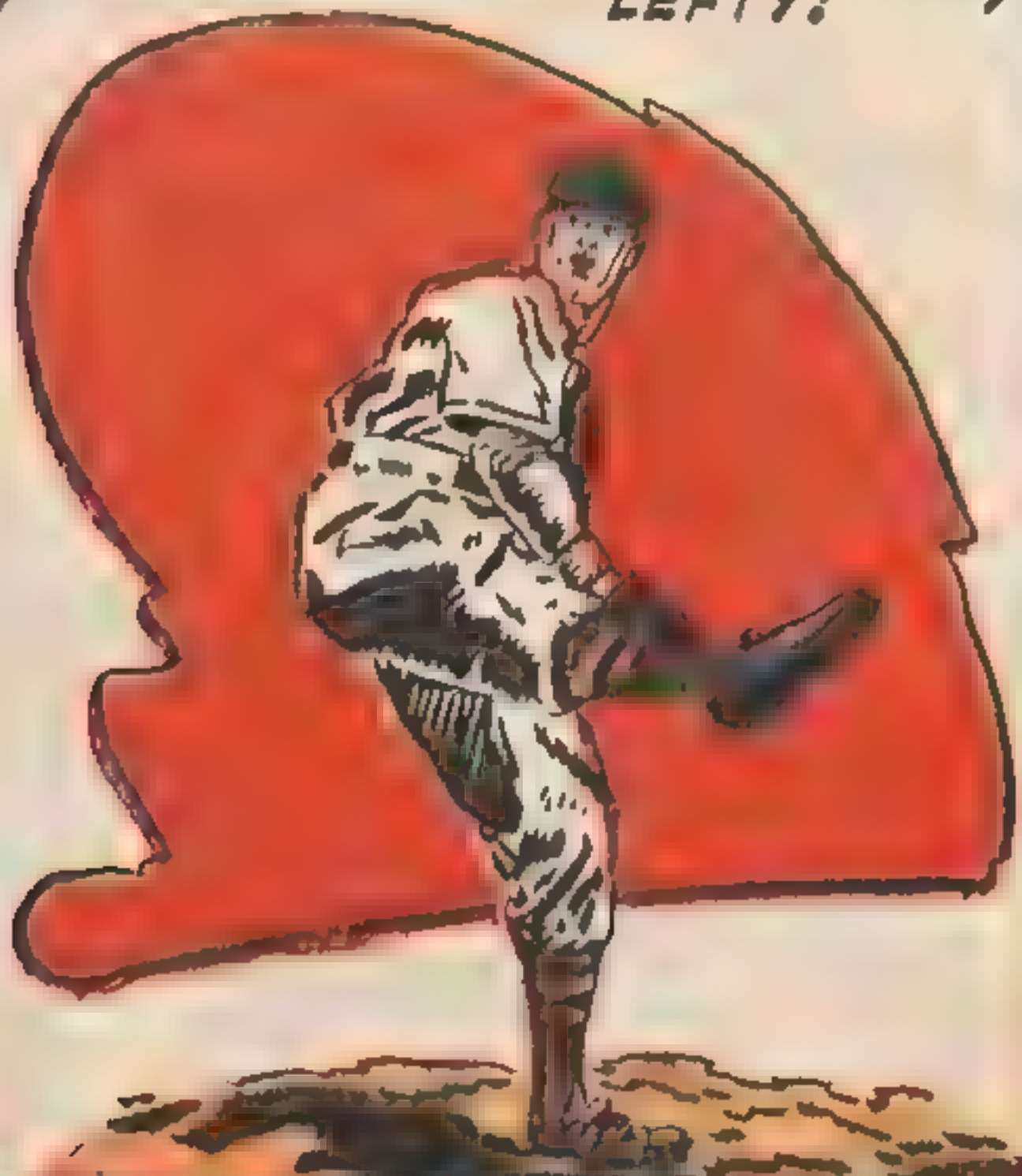
GAVE ONLY 12 RUNS IN 55 WORLD SERIES INNINGS!

PITCHED BETTER THAN .700 BALL IN FIVE SEASONS!

GAVE ONLY EIGHT WALKS IN TEN SERIES' APPEARANCES!

BASEBALL HEROES

ROBERT MOSES GROVE, LEFTY!



TO BALTIMORE IN 1920 CAME A LEFT-HANDED HURLER OF THUNDERBOLTS, BOB GROVE! TALL LEFTY FANNED 1120 BATTERS IN FOUR COMPLETE SEASONS AS AN ORIOLE!

AGAINST THE CUBS IN THE 1929 SERIES, LEFTY PITCHED RELIEF.

STRIKE
THREE!

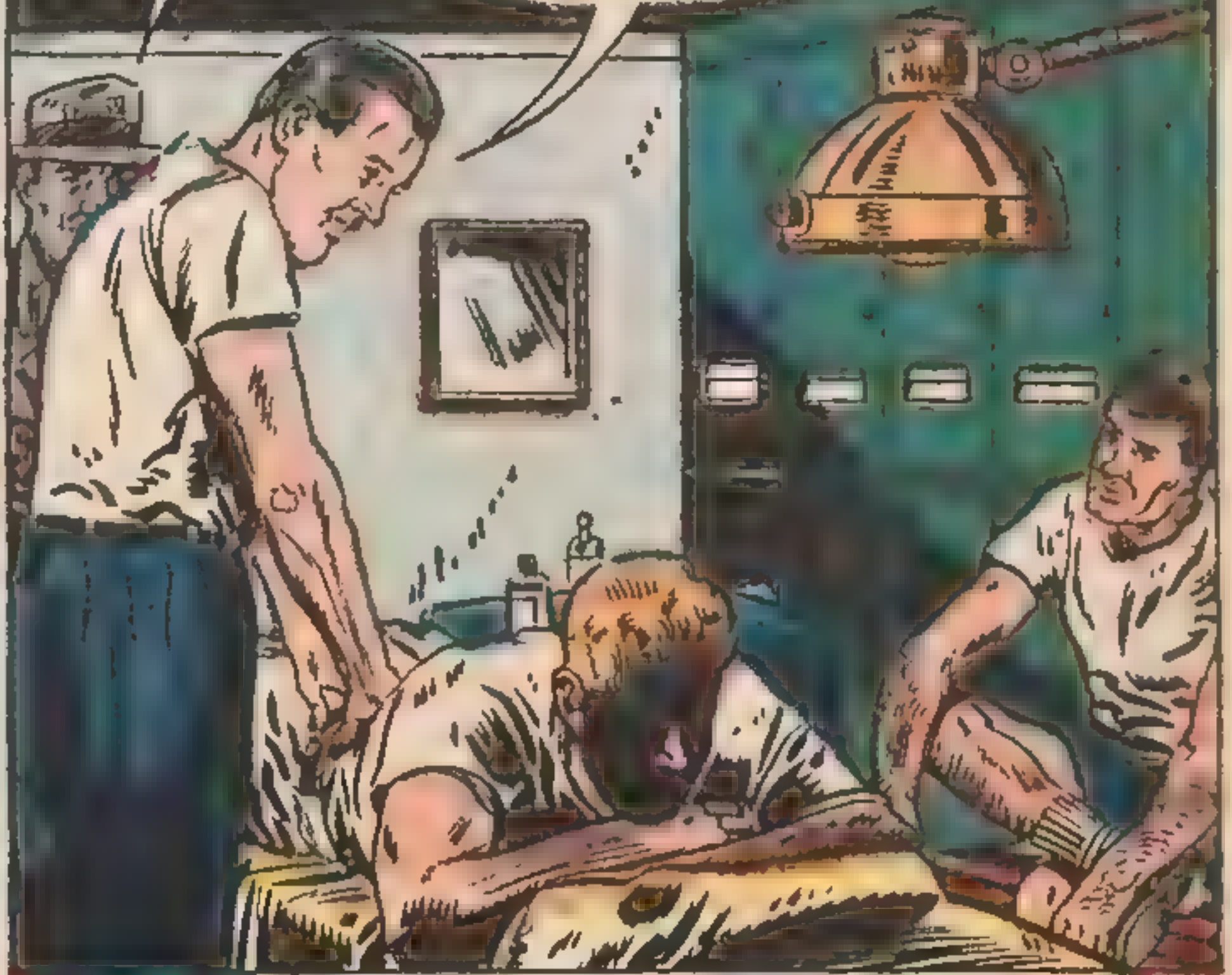


LEFTY FANNED TEN, GAVE NO RUNS IN SIX AND ONE-THIRD INNINGS!

LEFTY TOOK HIS BASEBALL WITH DEADLY SERIOUSNESS!

I WANT TO
TALK TO
LEFTY!

YOU REPORTERS KNOW
LEFTY WON'T TALK TO
ANYONE BEFORE
A BALL GAME!

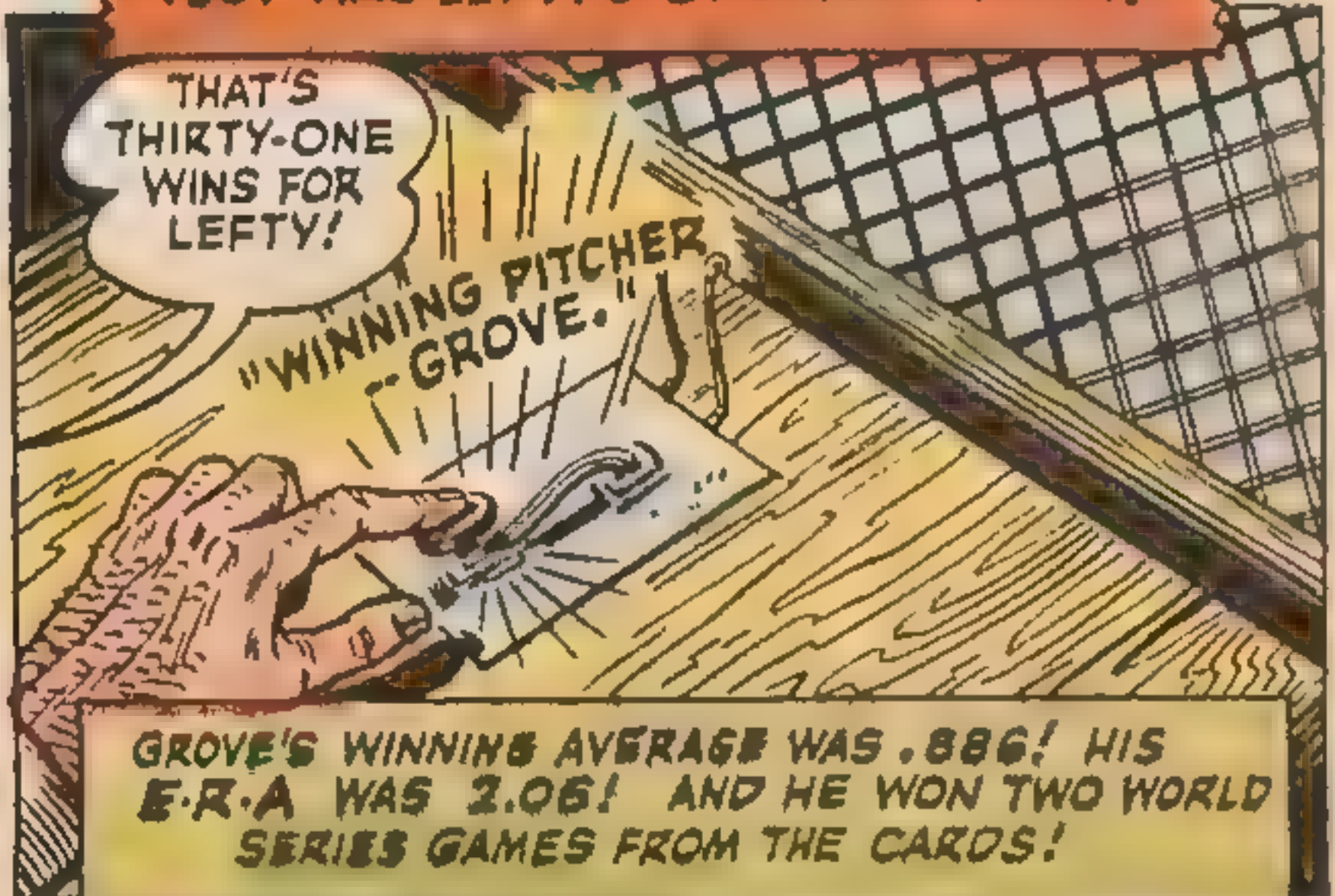


LEFTY JOINED THE ATHLETICS IN 1925 AND BECAME THE KEYSTONE OF CONNIE MACK'S GREAT 1929-31 CHAMPIONS!

1931 WAS LEFTY'S GREATEST YEAR!

THAT'S
THIRTY-ONE
WINS FOR
LEFTY!

"WINNING PITCHER
GROVE."



GROVE'S WINNING AVERAGE WAS .886! HIS E.R.A WAS 2.06! AND HE WON TWO WORLD SERIES GAMES FROM THE CARDS!

IN 1933 CONNIE MACK BROKE UP HIS GREAT TEAM!

I'VE TRADED
YOU TO THE
RED SOX,
BOB.

I'LL NEVER FORGET
MY DAYS WITH YOU,
MR. MACK!



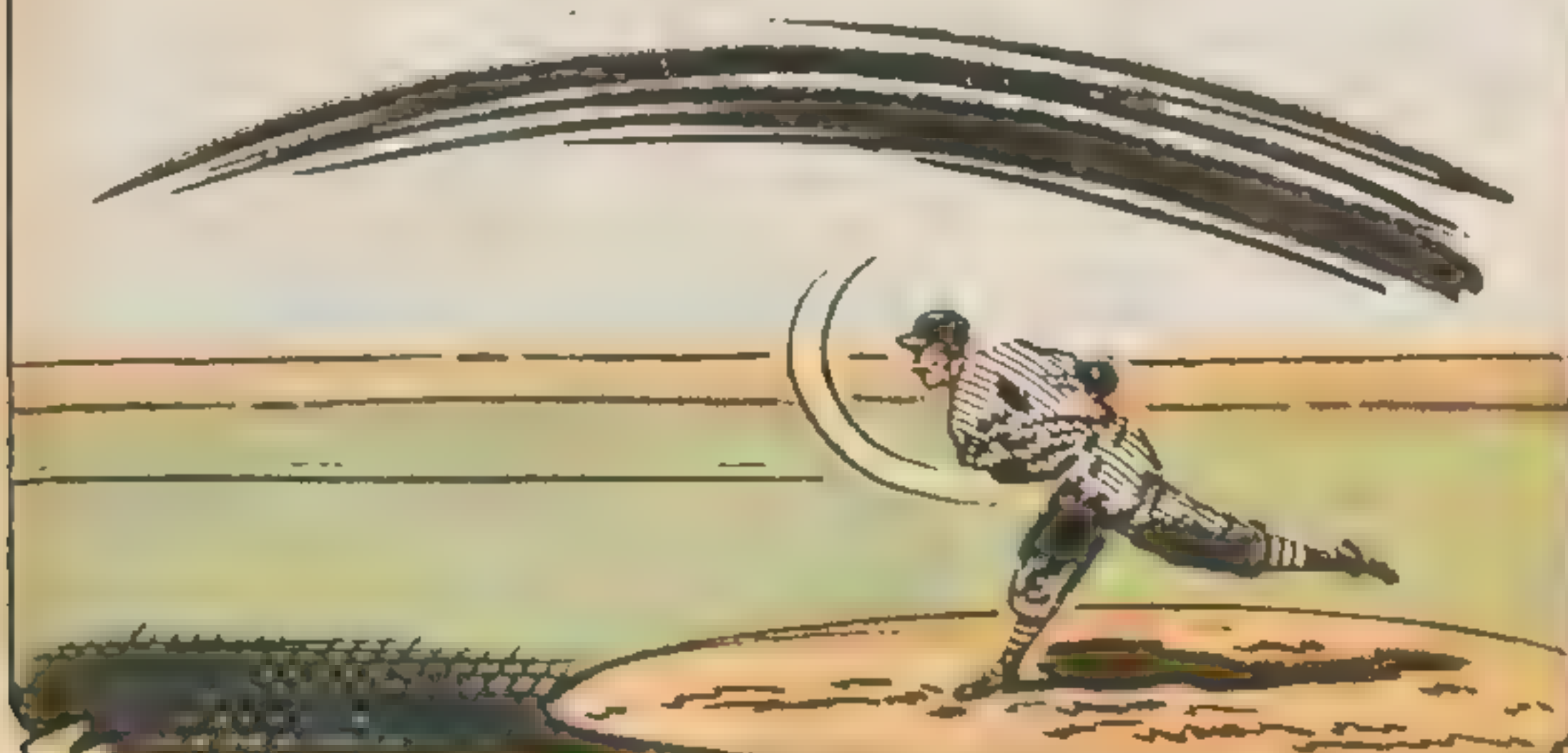
FOR NINE SEASONS, LEFTY TOILED AT BOSTON, COMPLETING SEVENTEEN SEASONS OF HISTORIC FIREBALL PITCHING IN THE MAJORS!

A FEW LEFTY GROVE RECORDS!

LED LEAGUE YEARLY AVERAGES NINE TIMES!
WON 14 STRAIGHT IN 1928 AND
6 STRAIGHT IN 1931!
LEFTY HAD AN AVERAGE .680!
FANNED 2271 BATTERS
IN MAJORS!

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CARL HUBBELL, THE MEAL TICKET!



CANNY CARL WON 253 GAMES FOR THE NEW YORK GIANTS WITH HIS FAMOUS SCREWBALL DELIVERY, ROLLING THE HORSE. HIDE OFF HIS MIDDLE FINGER WITH A TWIST OF THE HAND!

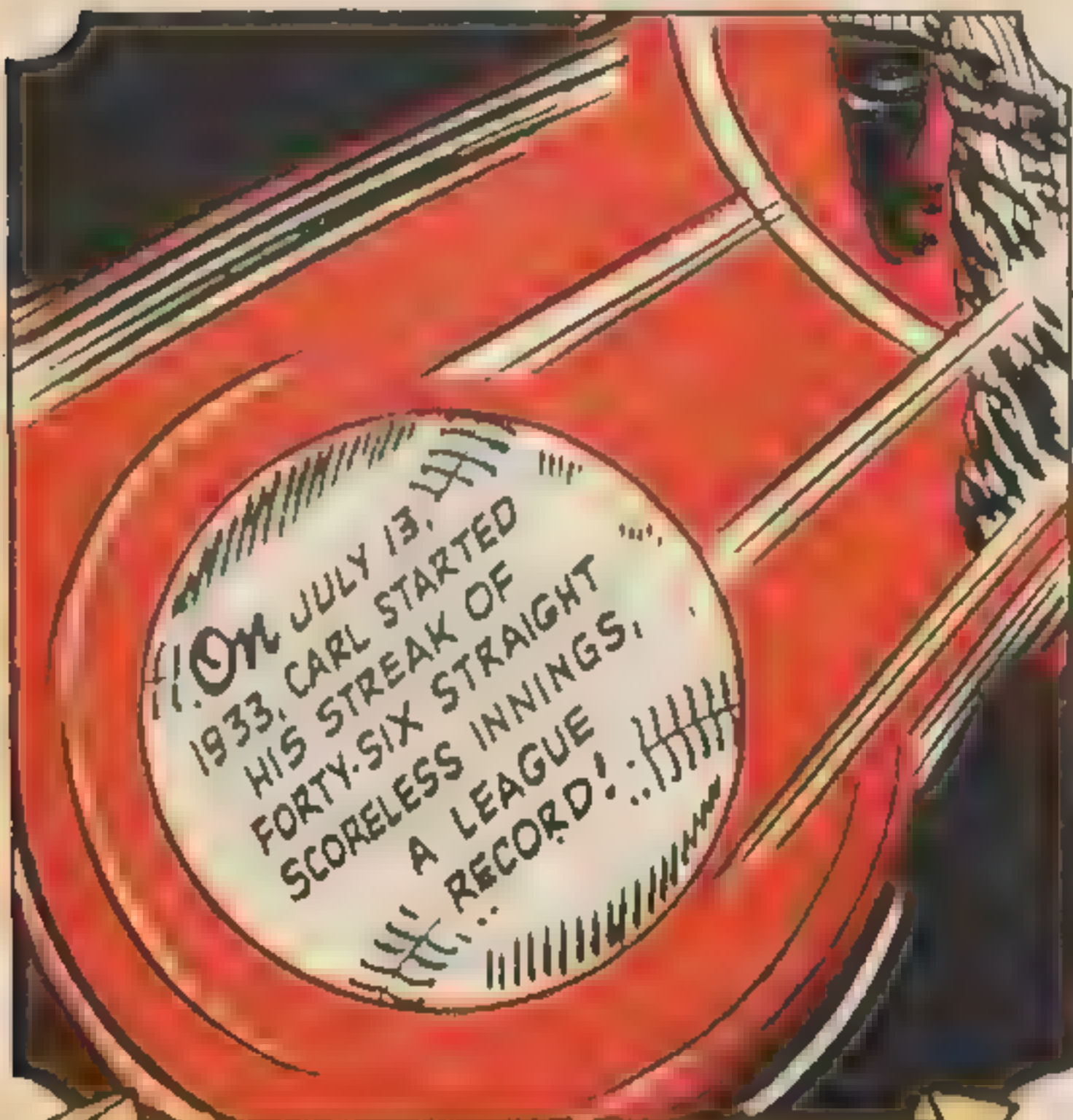
JOINING THE GIANTS IN 1928, CARL PITCHED A NO-HITTER IN 1929! BUT 1933 WAS HIS GREATEST YEAR. ON JULY 2...

CARL'S LIKE A PITCHING MACHINE!

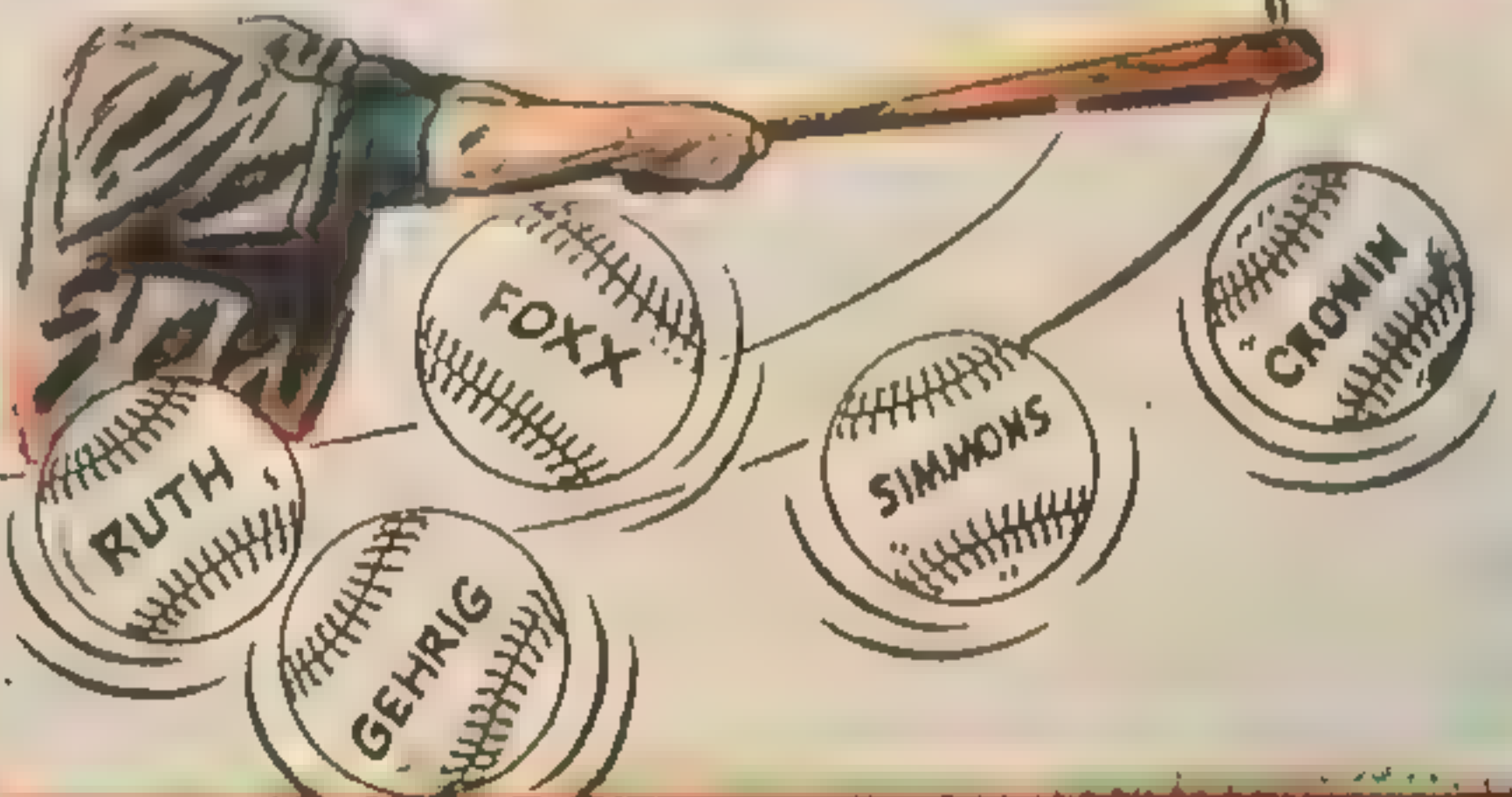


...HUBBELL BLANKED THE CARDINALS, 1 TO 0, IN EIGHTEEN INNINGS--AND DID NOT GIVE A BASE ON BALLS!

IN THE
1934
ALL-STAR
GAME...



HE LED THE LEAGUE IN EARNED RUNS (1.16), SHUTOUTS, INNINGS PITCHED!

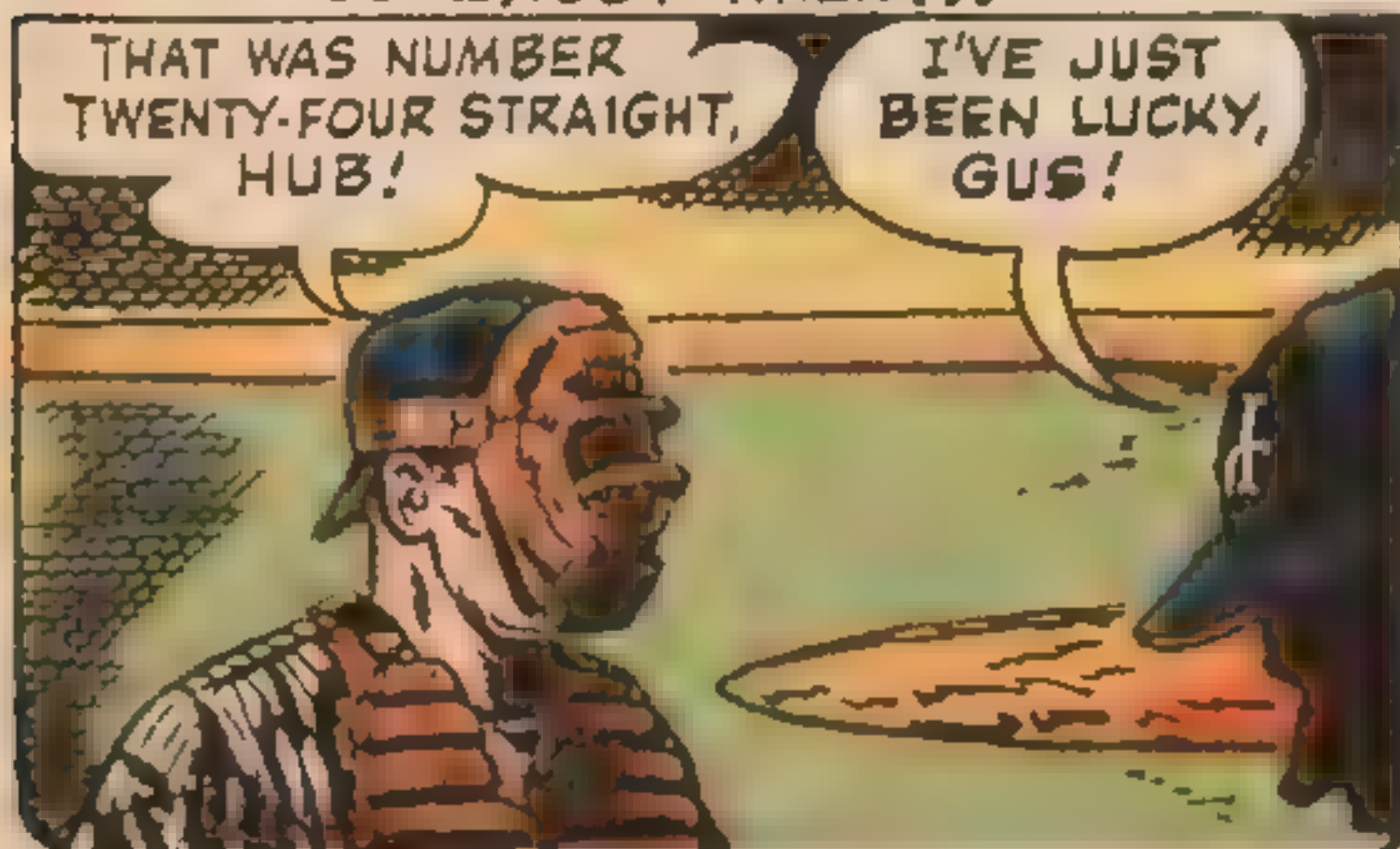


CARL PITCHED BABE RUTH, JOE GEHRIG, JIMMY FOXX, AL SIMMONS AND JOE CRONIN... FIVE OF THE GREATEST HITTERS IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE--ONE AFTER THE OTHER!

IN JULY, 1936, CARL BEGAN A MEMORABLE WINNING STREAK. IT CONTINUED TO JUNE, 1937 WHEN...

THAT WAS NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR STRAIGHT, HUB!

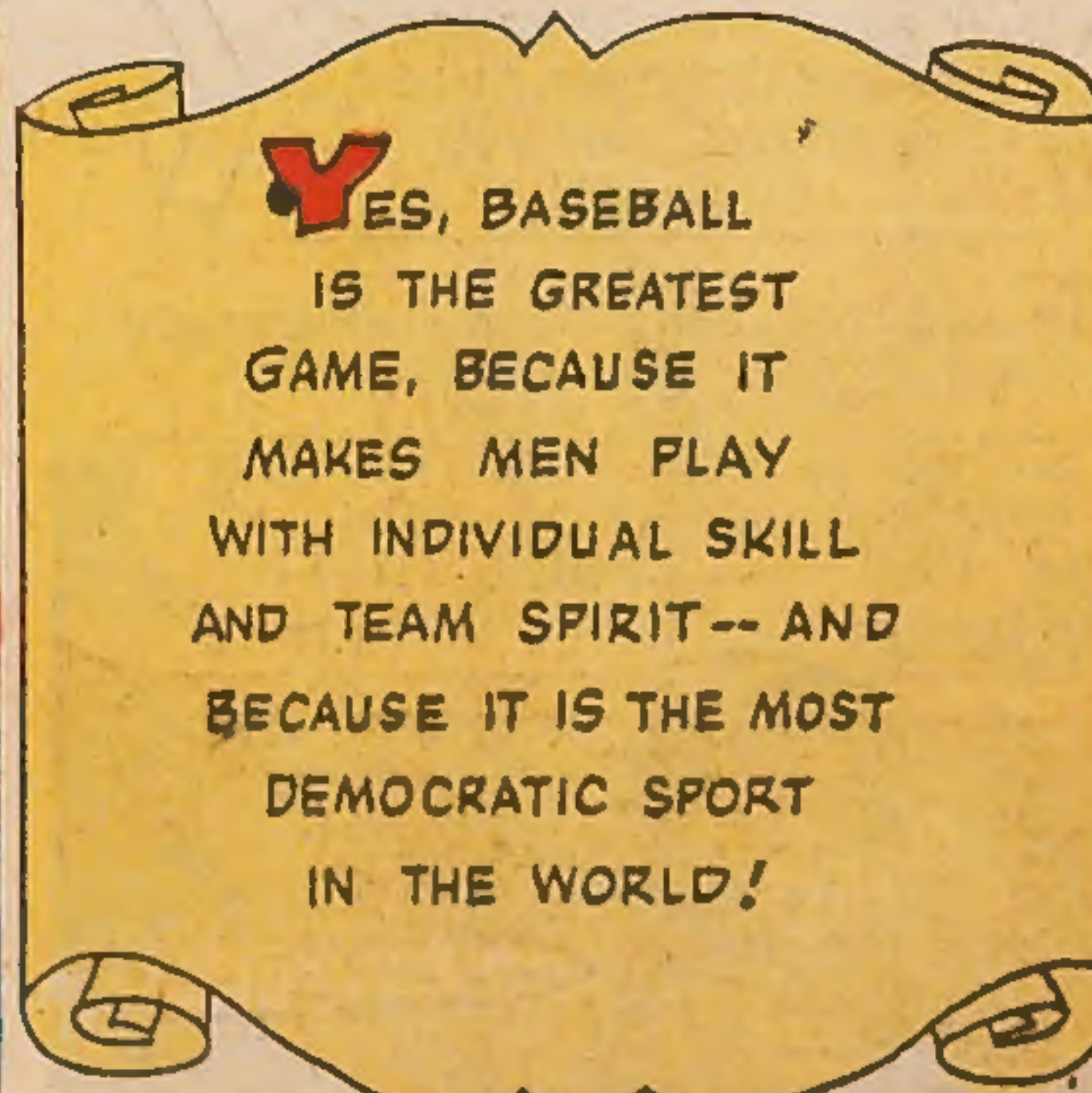
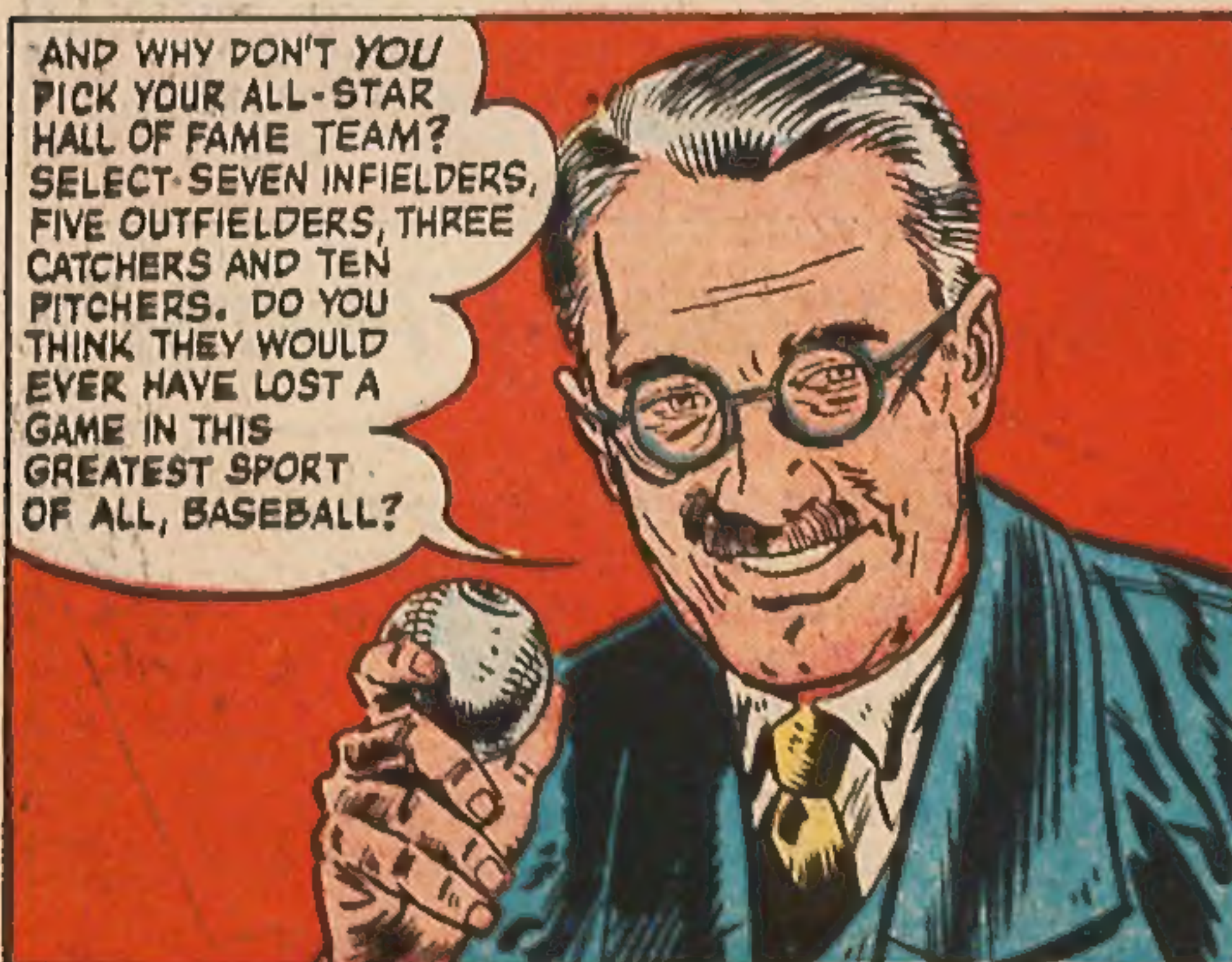
I'VE JUST BEEN LUCKY, GUS!



Some HUBBELL FEATS!

ALLOWED FEWEST EARNED RUNS IN WORLD SERIES HISTORY, 1.79, FOR 6 GAMES, 50 AND ONE-THIRD INNINGS!
ALLOWED ONLY 3 RUNS IN 5 ALL-STAR GAMES!
GAVE ONLY 47 WALKS IN 309 INNINGS, 1933!

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NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE HALL of FAME

AN OUTFIELDER FROM EACH MAJOR LEAGUE WAS VOTED INTO BASEBALL'S VALHALLA EARLY THIS YEAR BY THE BASEBALL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA!

Harry HEILMANN OF Detroit

THE GREAT RIGHT-HANDER LED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE IN BATTING FOUR TIMES IN SEVEN YEARS—1921, 1923, 1925 AND 1927—WITH THE TITANIC MARKS OF .394, .403, .393 AND .398! HIS LIFETIME AVERAGE WAS .342!

JUST BEFORE HEILMANN DIED LAST JULY, HIS OLD TEAMMATE AND FRIEND, TY COBB, VISITED HIM IN THE HOSPITAL AND TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD BEEN ELECTED TO THE HALL OF FAME. ACTUALLY, THE ELECTION DIDN'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER HIS DEATH!



Paul WANER OF PITTSBURGH

THE SPEEDY LEFT-HANDED HITTER PILED UP 3152 HITS IN HIS CAREER, THE ONLY NATIONAL LEAGUER BESIDES HONUS WAGNER TO MAKE OVER 3000 HITS IN MODERN TIMES! "BIG POISON" LED THE LEAGUE IN 1927, 1934 AND 1936 WITH AVERAGES OF .380, .362 AND .373!

PAUL AND BROTHER LLOYD—"LITTLE POISON"—FORMED A FAMOUS AND FEARED DUO...





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